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1	BEFORE THE CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
2	COUNTY OF MAUI
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9	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
10	REGULAR MEETING
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17	Held at the Kamehameha III Elementary School, 611 Front
18	Street, Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii, commencing at 10:07 a.m.
19	on Thursday, July 5, 2007.
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25	REPORTED BY: KATHERINE EISMANN, CRR/RDR/CSR #439

1	ATTENDANCE
2	COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
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4	SAM KALALAU III, PRESIDENT
5	J. KE'EAUMOKU KAPU
6	LON WHELCHEL
7	PERRY ARTATES
8	VERONICA MARQUEZ
9	NANI WATANABE
10	LEE KALEI MOIKEHA
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12	STAFF PRESENT:
13	JAMES GIROUX, DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL
14	JEFFREY HUNT, PLANNING DIRECTOR
15	STANLEY SOLAMILLO, LIVIT CALLENTINE,
16	SUZETTE ESMERALDA, DANNY DIAS
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- (Wednesday, July 5, 2007, 10:07 a.m.) 1 2 3 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Will the meeting of Maui County Cultural Resource Commission please come to 5 order. 6 MS. ESMERALDA: Sam, microphone. 7 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Yes. Okay. We have some house rules to discuss here. First of all, there's 9 three seats in front here, and we just want to apologize 10 for the little bit inconvenience, because we are supposed to be in the cafeteria, but the cafeteria is being used, so we found this classroom here. 13 Also, the bathrooms are in the back here. I don't know if we got the keys. The keys, might have to get them from the office. And also, for those of you 16 who like to testify, we can sign up right here. There's 17 a sign-up list. And also, for those of you who don't 18 have the time to wait around until the agenda item comes 19 up, you can testify prior to the agenda item coming up. 20 We will give you that opportunity. 21 Also, when you come and testify, you will 22 have a three-minute limit, and if you have more to 23 state, you can come back up after, after your three
- Also, we ask for your respect for each other

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minutes.

- 1 in here and be humble to each other.
- 2 The first thing on the agenda is
- 3 Commissioners, we need to approve the minutes of our
- 4 last meeting. Is there any corrections or comments on
- 5 the minutes of our last meeting?
- 6 If not, I just had some question for the
- 7 staff. This was on page five. You know, we were
- 8 talking to Keoki Freeland about there's a new ordinance
- 9 or a copy of an ordinance that was given to the
- 10 Department, and if the Commissioners could have a copy
- 11 of that ordinance.
- MR. SOLAMILLO: We will have to get a copy
- 13 for you.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Thank you. Do
- 15 I hear a motion?
- 16 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: I make a motion that
- 17 we approve the minutes for the May the 3 -- May 3rd,
- 18 2007, meeting as read.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Is there a second?
- 20 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: Second.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: It has been moved and
- 22 second. Any discussion? Since there is no discussion,
- 23 all in favor say aye.
- 24 (Chorus of ayes.)
- All opposed.

- 1 (Silence.)
- 2 Motion carried.
- First item on the agenda, Stan.
- 4 MR. SOLAMILLO: Under Historic District
- 5 Applications, Mr. Michael Whitehead on behalf of James
- 6 and Siuafu Whitehead requesting review and approval to
- 7 replace one-over-one light wood windows with
- 8 six-over-six light vinyl windows in a former Pioneer
- 9 Mill Company barracks, located at 224, not 232
- 10 Lahainaluna Road, TMK (2) 4-6-010: 014 in the National
- 11 Historic Landmark District, Lahaina, Maui.
- 12 The CRC may approve or deny the request and
- 13 provide recommendations, and public testimony will be
- 14 accepted.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Do we have the
- 16 application?
- 17 MR. SOLAMILLO: The applicants are present.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay.
- 19 MR. SOLAMILLO: The first slide is a view of
- 20 the Whitehead property, which is the former Pioneer Mill
- 21 barracks.
- 22 It's located on the parcel that is indicated
- 23 in yellow with an arrow and shows that its location is
- 24 outside the Historic Districts 1 or 2, which are managed
- 25 by the County of Maui, but located within the National

- 1 Historic Landmark District.
- 2 The property first shows up in 1924 on a
- 3 Sanborn Insurance map, and it is labeled within a group
- 4 of buildings that are called laborers' quarters with
- 5 five rooms each.
- The barracks location in relation to Pioneer
- 7 Mill is directly makai of the mill. The mill is above
- 8 on the map, and you can see how the mill's relationship
- 9 with the camp quarters and other camps provided housing
- 10 for laborers.
- Another photograph shows up in 1947 in the
- 12 Pioneer Mill Company Annual Report which was produced
- 13 merely as a photograph, and it shows the barracks lining
- 14 Lahainaluna Road surrounded by cane fields.
- 15 Four barracks were removed from Honoapiilani
- 16 Highway during its expansion and currently only six
- 17 original buildings remain intact along Lahainaluna Road.
- 18 Because they are the only ones of their
- 19 type, they are significant as a grouping of Plantation
- 20 Era housing which was built by Pioneer Mill Company, and
- 21 as a group are eligible for listing in the National
- 22 Register of Historic Places.
- During the past year and a half, the
- 24 buildings have changed ownership, and there have been
- 25 rehabilitations done to the properties that are mauka of

- 1 Mr. Whitehead's house. These include a building located
- 2 at 252 Lahainaluna Road, another one at 242. Though
- 3 everyone concedes that these are vast -- more
- 4 improvements than what the buildings had appeared to, up
- 5 to this point in time, what we are seeing is that
- 6 changes have occurred on the buildings which slightly
- 7 alter their historic integrity.
- 8 The most egregious, if we were going to look
- 9 at it from the National Park Service, which is the
- 10 ultimate authority for the NHL or National Historic
- 11 Landmark District, is changing out of doors and windows.
- 12 In this case, it's a six-over-six vinyl window which
- 13 replaced a wood window of indeterminate configuration.
- 14 The next house down from 232 is 224, which
- 15 is the applicant's house at this point in time. The one
- 16 next door to it is 216, and although it has original
- 17 window frames, the window configurations were changed,
- 18 but they were changed during the '40s or '50s and, in
- 19 their own right, have acquired some sort of
- 20 significance.
- 21 The last one in the group of houses is the
- 22 one located at 208 Lahainaluna Road. And this one
- 23 features six-over-six lights and original wood sash.
- 24 Another building which is related, because it's Pioneer
- 25 Mill housing, in this case probably for a luna, is

- 1 located at 233 Lahainaluna Road. It's virtually intact.
- 2 And our concern is that the grouping should
- 3 continue to maintain whatever original features were
- 4 left in the remaining houses located on Lahainaluna
- 5 Road.
- 6 This is Mr. Whitehead's house located at 224
- 7 Lahainaluna Road. He did apply for a permit to do
- 8 improvements to the house and ordered windows to the
- 9 tune of \$7,000, which were vinyl six-over-six. But you
- 10 can look at the house now and look at the windows, the
- 11 original one-over-one wood sash, and inspection of the
- 12 windows revealed that they are not too bad as far as
- 13 rehabilitation purposes. And looking at the exterior
- 14 finishes of the building as well, termite damage is
- 15 fairly minimal.
- We will concede that Mr. Whitehead does
- 17 great work and that his improvements to the house and
- 18 the one adjacent to it improved the overall impact or
- 19 the overall condition of the neighborhood.
- 20 On the inside of the building, other things
- 21 which are important, from the standpoint of the National
- 22 Historic Landmark District, are the basic construction.
- 23 And everyone's familiar with single-wall construction,
- 24 but for people that aren't familiar with it, who come
- 25 from the mainland, this is something new in its

- 1 entirety, because, historically, we have never done
- 2 double walls here on the islands.
- 3 Other things that are probably significant
- 4 about the house are some of the cabinet work and
- 5 casework. Needless to say, these are interior features,
- 6 and all that we are concerned about, essentially, is the
- 7 exterior views of this building from the public
- 8 right-of-way.
- 9 At this point, we will ask Mr. Whitehead to
- 10 present his case to the Commission, if there are no
- 11 questions from the Commission.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Questions,
- 13 Commissioners?
- 14 If not, Mr. Whitehead, can you come forward?
- MR. WHITEHEAD: Just go over there?
- 16 MR. SOLAMILLO: Here is a mike.
- 17 MR. WHITEHEAD: Good morning. My name is
- 18 Mike Whitehead. As Stanley was showing our pictures, I
- 19 think he made a pretty good explanation.
- 20 First of all, like I told Stanley, we talked
- 21 to Ann, who had approved the first three permits on the
- 22 other buildings he showed you. We don't have the money
- 23 and/or the time to wait, and whatever decision you guys
- 24 come up with is what we are going to go with.
- 25 Basically, I'm at a point where either just

- 1 take a loss and move on, or just go on. So, you know,
- 2 whatever you guys decide.
- This -- if I can just give this to you,
- 4 Mr. Chairman. It's a petition we got in the last couple
- 5 days, because only recently we knew, and I wasn't sure
- 6 about doing it, but the neighbor in 216, Carol, had
- 7 suggested we should do a petition, you know, just to
- 8 show the public support.
- 9 And that was part of the reason we wanted to
- 10 buy the second house and do what we did on the first
- 11 one, 232, because we had a lot of support and a lot of
- 12 good comments. And that's all we have ever gotten from
- 13 the public.
- 14 I have taken some pictures of -- other
- 15 pictures of other houses. These are some of the
- 16 pictures at the bottom with the termite eaten and, you
- 17 know, some of the rebuilding. Like I said, I am going
- 18 to do whatever you guys want, but this picture here, the
- 19 yellow, I went and painted the side of the house, the
- 20 left side of the house, taped in the grids to show that,
- 21 you know, we are mimicking the trim, everything exactly
- 22 the same.
- But I don't know if -- I mean, you can't
- 24 really -- you know, in my opinion, you can't really tell
- 25 the difference between the two or even maybe the house

- 1 above us, 242. You know, so that was the reasoning for
- 2 this. This is going to be my color scheme for what's
- 3 happening. The color of the roof that you see up there,
- 4 that's a material to preserve the roof that is called
- 5 Hydro-Stop. I don't know if anybody is familiar, but
- 6 it's a rubberized coating with fabric material. It's a
- 7 30 year guarantee on the roofs, so that will help out.
- 8 You know, and then this is just, you know,
- 9 across the street. You know, I mean, what we are
- 10 looking -- and like I said, we are just trying to make
- 11 improvements to what we can. I can afford to do it,
- 12 because I am doing all the work except for the license
- 13 areas, like electrical and stuff.
- 14 You know, these are some of the older homes
- 15 along Front Street. I don't know if they are historic,
- 16 but, you know, they got the grids in the windows. This
- 17 is, you know, just pictures. I was just trying to make
- 18 points every angle I can, you know, just because of the
- 19 money issue.
- 20 I remember this lot had a two-story
- 21 plantation. They got knocked down, and now they are
- 22 putting up this huge two story. This is the one across
- 23 Mala, that big box, which, you know, doesn't even go
- 24 with the design or the theme of the island. And these
- 25 are the new style, I guess, grid windows that, you know,

- 1 are starting to be installed.
- 2 So, you know, my case is like just to kind
- 3 of go with, you know, whatever you guys decide. But it
- 4 was looking for every angle that I could to, you know,
- 5 try and make a point. And ultimately, it's what you
- 6 decide.
- 7 Somebody had given me an article. I guess
- 8 it's in the Maui County Magazine or something. A few
- 9 years back, some guy named Fidel had a house on Front
- 10 Street which was the Pioneer Mill manager's house. And
- 11 I guess he ran into problems in the permitting.
- 12 And instead of, you know, going through it
- 13 and trying to -- you know, I guess it was whatever he
- 14 was going through. But he made mention that it was the
- 15 best thing -- I highlighted in green that it was the
- 16 best thing he ever did was knocking it down, then they
- 17 just approved to put up a new house. If I can hand that
- 18 to you, Mr. Chair. I highlighted the green is where
- 19 it's going. The Mayor was at a talk story for him,
- 20 informal one.
- 21 I am not born on the island, but I have been
- 22 here since I was six. My mom and her family are born
- 23 and raised. And, you know, for me, it's every property
- 24 owner has their right to do, I guess, what he did, knock
- 25 it down, like the other people are doing, waiting for it

- 1 to fall or, you know, for whatever reason, and then put
- 2 up new housing, but that wasn't my intent. It's just to
- 3 do what I can and what I think, you know, to not restore
- 4 but preserve the character.
- When you restore, it takes a lot more time
- 6 and a lot more money. And you know, at that point, I
- 7 don't -- living on Maui is rough or in Hawaii in
- 8 general, being as we all work, you know, two and three
- 9 jobs. I am usually going seven days a week. So, like I
- 10 said, I am doing all the work. That's how I can afford
- 11 to do it. All our money goes into material, and then
- 12 just a couple of people that I use as labor or as help,
- 13 except for our electricians, which you got to have
- 14 licensed and the plumbers, if need.
- As the cabinetry he showed you on the
- 16 inside, we are going to leave all of that. That's all
- 17 staying, because I'm -- like I said, I am kind of in to
- 18 the plantation thing and that look. That's kind of all
- 19 I got. I don't know if, you know, I am taking too long,
- 20 but if I did, I am sorry.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Questions.
- 22 Commissioners?
- 23 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Mr. Chair.
- 24 Mr. Whitehead. So, when you first acquired the
- 25 property, were you aware of where your home was situated

- 1 as far as, you know, the possibilities of it being under
- 2 the National Registry of --
- 3 MR. WHITEHEAD: No, we knew it was in the
- 4 National Historic District when we bought 232.
- 5 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Uh-huh.
- 6 MR. WHITEHEAD: The reason I had purchased
- 7 the windows was because they were approved on the first
- 8 thing, and there wasn't any special, like we are making
- 9 an exception for these houses, but, you know, in the
- 10 future, if you do purchase, you need to keep the
- 11 original.
- 12 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: So then you say the
- 13 other houses that you restored, you replaced it with
- 14 vinyl?
- 15 MR. WHITEHEAD: Yeah.
- 16 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Oh, it is vinyl then.
- 17 MR. WHITEHEAD: Yeah.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: 232, yeah.
- 19 MR. WHITEHEAD: Sorry. I couldn't see.
- 20 Actually 252, 242, and 232 have the vinyl. This is 224.
- 21 And I painted that. That's the color scheme I am using,
- 22 and I taped the grids in. And then this is the same
- 23 left side of the house with the vinyl in it.
- But I think the key was to keeping the look
- 25 was doing the one-by-six trim, the whatever you call the

- 1 sill, the little sill at the bottom with the angle cut,
- 2 and then the one-by-four underneath was really what kind
- 3 of shows. It's just when you go inside, and then you
- 4 see, you know, the areas that are termite eaten and
- 5 whatnot. So, if you want to put that closer.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Any more questions?
- 7 MR. WHITEHEAD: And then -- sorry.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay.
- 9 MR. WHITEHEAD: I'm not an advocate --
- 10 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Is this the type of
- 11 window that you are going to put in?
- 12 MR. WHITEHEAD: No, no. Exactly like this
- 13 gridded windows here.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Is it a two --
- MR. WHITEHEAD: Double hung. It should go
- 16 up and down, too. And then the other thing is I am not
- 17 an advocate for vinyl, but I think in the situation
- 18 where you are using the white-on-white, you can't really
- 19 tell.
- 20 But if I was to paint the trim another
- 21 color, I would actually take the vinyl off and use an
- 22 oil primer to paint it the same color as the trim, so
- 23 you still can't tell. I painted my fence a different
- 24 color than white and it's wood, because I didn't want
- 25 the white to make it look like vinyl.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you. Any more
- 2 questions, comments?
- 3 If not, we will now open this portion to the
- 4 public. If anyone wants to come and testify for the
- 5 project or against the project, now is your time to come
- 6 forward to speak on this agenda item.
- 7 MR. WHITEHEAD: Thank you for your time.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Is there anyone
- 9 speaking on this? I see that we have none. The floor
- 10 is now closed, and we thank Mr. Whitehead.
- 11 Staff, do we have any comments?
- 12 MR. SOLAMILLO: The recommendations of staff
- 13 were to retain the original one-over-one wood sash in
- 14 the building, repair and restore them in place.
- 15 The reason for this is because windows and
- 16 doors on buildings that are eligible for the National
- 17 Register are character-defining features, and if they
- 18 are changed, they change the character of how the
- 19 building appears.
- The eligibility or the determination of
- 21 eligibility to the National Register is based primarily
- 22 on how intact the building is with its original
- 23 character-defining elements, including windows and doors
- 24 as well as roofs, whatever external wall material was
- 25 used in the original construction of the building.

- 1 This group of houses, although half of them
- 2 have been changed, we are advocating that the remaining
- 3 half be retained in their original configuration and
- 4 restored.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Commissioners.
- 6 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Mr. Chair, I got a
- 7 question that goes back to staff. So, those homes that
- 8 have vinyl in now, why was it allowed or were we aware
- 9 of any?
- 10 MR. SOLAMILLO: Through a departmental
- 11 glitch, CRC staff did not know about the rehabilitations
- 12 until after the fact.
- 13 COMMISIONER KAPU: I have a question. Is
- 14 this house acceptable to the secretary standards tax
- 15 break if it was to apply?
- MR. SOLAMILLO: If he applies the vinyl, he
- 17 is not eligible for the tax break. If he wants to get a
- 18 tax credit for the rehabilitation, which is a certified
- 19 rehabilitation, you have to retain all the original
- 20 character-defining features of the building.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: So, if he wants to
- 22 replace it, he has to use all wood?
- 23 MR. SOLAMILLO: He would have to retain as
- 24 much of the original wood windows as possible and
- 25 rebuild them or replace with exact duplicates if he were

- 1 trying to get a tax credit for the home.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Go ahead. Question.
- 3 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Mr. Whitehead, in
- 4 your estimation, to renovate as is, what would you
- 5 estimate the cost to be?
- 6 MR. WHITEHEAD: If you had to re -- I have
- 7 never restored, so I can't really tell you. But you can
- 8 see from some of the pictures, with the termite eaten,
- 9 it's -- you know, I mean, I don't know.
- 10 If you bought new wood windows, if you
- 11 bought new wood windows, on the first house we were --
- 12 we felt like it was a mistake, because financially, it
- 13 kind of hurt us in the end. The secretary had talked us
- 14 in to buying half vinyl half wood, where the inside was
- 15 wood case, because it would go with the whole plantation
- 16 thing, and that's kind of what I was about. So, we just
- 17 went ahead and did it.
- 18 And the windows for the first house cost us
- 19 \$15,000 versus just 7,000 for this. So, I'm thinking if
- 20 you got all wood windows, it could -- you know, half
- 21 vinyl half wood was 15. I am thinking it could run you
- 22 as much as, you know, 25,000 possibly.
- 23 I mean, I can't tell you for sure, but I
- 24 know it would definitely be a lot more expensive. And
- 25 then we knew if we ever did it again, I wasn't going to

- 1 go that route. And if I wanted wood trim on the inside,
- 2 I would try and case them out myself.
- 3 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Question back to
- 4 staff. As far as the tax break that we are talking
- 5 about, what does that -- do we know what it is?
- 6 MR. SOLAMILLO: No, I don't know whether the
- 7 applicant has actually applied. If it were to be the
- 8 rehabilitation of a historic building, to meet the
- 9 Secretary of the Interior standards, to be labeled a
- 10 certified rehabilitation, he would have to submit plans
- 11 ahead of time before this work has actually happened.
- So, right now -- and that's for a 20 percent
- 13 tax credit. If he's just going for a 10 percent, you
- 14 can apply after the work is done. But the problem is,
- 15 where -- after I inspected -- and I was with
- 16 Mr. Whitehead, and I walked around the house. And I
- 17 told him, you know, the windows aren't all that bad,
- 18 because you see it -- I mean, we all know what termite
- 19 damage for windows is and how it can render them like
- 20 sponge.
- 21 But his are in fairly good condition.
- 22 probably thanks to the maintenance of the former owners.
- 23 So, what we are actually asking him is to retain the
- 24 windows, repair, you know, them in place, and leave them
- 25 there. You know, if they need sash boards replaced,

- 1 then you can pull the interior facing off and replace
- 2 the sash board with a sash chain which comes in a kit
- 3 with a weight. But it's not to yank the windows out or
- 4 replace all in wood or to yank the windows out or
- 5 replace in vinyl.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: So, Stan, then in
- 8 essence, there's a possibility he may not even get the
- 9 tax break. He may not qualify even as is, at the most
- 10 maybe 10 percent.
- 11 MR. SOLAMILLO: For 10 percent, for
- 12 10 percent.
- 13 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: At the most at this
- 14 point. And even with that, he may not get it. Even if
- 15 he applies and everything goes through, is there a way
- 16 that he cannot get that 10 percent?
- 17 MR. SOLAMILLO: I don't know, because I
- 18 can't give you -- not having done the 10 percent, I've
- 19 only done the 20 percent, which requires that you send
- 20 everything in advance to the Park Service for
- 21 certification. I can't tell you how the other system
- 22 works.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Ke'eau.
- 24 COMMISIONER KAPU: These windows, they are
- 25 the counter weight windows, the ones with counter

- 1 weights on the inside?
- 2 MR. SOLAMILLO: You would have to ask
- 3 Mr. Whitehead. I don't remember.
- 4 MR. WHITEHEAD: I think there are. From
- 5 the -- one of the sons said there's a weight or
- 6 something inside.
- 7 COMMISIONER KAPU: So, they got a chain and
- 8 a pulley.
- 9 MR. WHITEHEAD: We only had found out about
- 10 the tax break from Stanley just recently. My goal was
- 11 more or less just, you know, the way Maui is going is to
- 12 get a piece for my kids, and, you know, try to set them
- 13 up for when they get older.
- 14 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: The multi-light
- 15 windows are acceptable in most cases when it's new
- 16 construction or you are matching something that was the
- 17 same number of lights. But when it gets down to a
- 18 building this old, it's a -- there are very few left,
- 19 and it represents that era. And if we put multi-lights,
- 20 it doesn't -- it no longer represents that era. If
- 21 there were more of them like this --
- MR. WHITEHEAD: That was what I was
- 23 questioning, because I couldn't debate it before. But
- 24 as you can see on this house that is across from the
- 25 Seaman's Hospital, it was built -- the guy who is

- 1 renting it or owns it was in the house.
- 2 He said it was built in 1927, and it's -- I
- 3 guess the grids or the muttons are what you are talking
- 4 multi-light that's on that house. And then 208, in its
- 5 original window, it has the grids in the multi-light.
- 6 So, I am obviously thinking, I couldn't
- 7 debate it when it was first mentioned, but after seeing
- 8 and driving through Lahaina, some have and some don't.
- 9 And then the question, too, was, you know, because our
- 10 neighbor, 216 -- our neighbor in 216 had her windows
- 11 updated whenever, as the louvers.
- So, if someone was to purchase this in the
- 13 future, if it did come up for sale, would they be held
- 14 to keep the louvered windows or make that person -
- 15 because that was the question. If I am in the
- 16 position -- I don't know if I will be, but if I am in
- 17 the position to purchase if it does, the way the theme
- 18 is going for me was to give back to Lahaina to get that
- 19 look and that character back.
- But, you know, if I got to leave the
- 21 louvered windows, that's already out of the question. I
- 22 will tell you the truth. I don't like the louvers. But
- 23 she's had them there from possibly the '50s, '60s. You
- 24 know, they put the fascia on it. There's no open
- 25 rafter. Most of them have the fascia on there now, even

- 1 including her house, where she enclosed the deck also,
- 2 which is another feature that I'm not -- you know, and
- 3 it is permitted she told me.
- 4 So, if you were to purchase or the person
- 5 who was, are they going to be held to keep the enclosed
- 6 deck area instead of making it an open deck like the
- 7 rest of the theme of the street.
- 8 And that's what I am basically trying to do
- 9 is keep with that theme, just like what everybody is
- 10 talking about, is keep that character instead of it is
- 11 restored. But like I said, you know, for me this is
- 12 kind of good, because if I know going in, I can prepare
- 13 better for windows. But if I'm to keep the louvers, I
- 14 would -- I am already out of the guestion. I wouldn't
- 15 want it, because it goes with -- away from the
- 16 character.
- 17 But she's got permits for the enclosed deck.
- 18 And me, I like the open deck. That's all about. The
- 19 only thing I didn't like was it's got the small steps,
- 20 but that's part of that era, so I'm not -- you know, I'm
- 21 not touching that. But I loved the plantation wide
- 22 deck.
- So, I mean, like I said, the debate for the
- 24 windows, what you are talking about, it is part of that
- 25 era. That's the original window. I guess that's a

- 1 multi-light is what you are talking about, the muttons
- 2 or the grids in the windows. And that's a common theme.
- 3 I don't know if this house is in the County Historic,
- 4 but that's across the street from the Seaman's Hospital
- 5 down the road over here, and I think the Seaman's
- 6 Hospital is a historic site. So, this being across the
- 7 street, I don't know if that qualifies, but that's why I
- 8 took a picture of it.
- 9 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: I prefer this house
- 10 to be as original, and I will go along with staff's
- 11 comments that it should be kept original. That you
- 12 should restore the windows. Leave them as they are.
- 13 Clean them up.
- 14 And each home has their own problems. Many
- 15 of them have illegal things, and the windows that are
- 16 multi-lighted, multi -- yes, multi-light are within our
- 17 guidelines, but they may have started with those. The
- 18 house you are in only had one-on-one, and I would like
- 19 to see that restored.
- 20 MR. WHITEHEAD: Yeah, like I said, I am not
- 21 here to take it past this. Whatever you guys decide, I
- 22 just wanted to continue and move on. I'll take a loss
- 23 on windows, and move on, and keep these. And I mean, I
- 24 don't know what I'm going to do, but I'm just going to
- 25 go ahead and, you know, do what I can. But I just

- 1 wanted to keep moving on already.
- We thought we would have the permit in
- 3 March, late March maybe, early April. And, you know,
- 4 here we are in July now. So, and we are really doing
- 5 nothing to the house except for the -- my main thing was
- 6 the electrical.
- We had one complaint about working on the
- 8 house without a permit, and it was -- the reason was the
- 9 electrician was there tearing out the old electrical,
- 10 which I didn't want any unsuspected fires in the house,
- 11 because I don't want to see it get burned down.
- 12 Like I said, I grew up in Lahaina. My mom
- 13 was born and raised, her whole family. And this was a
- 14 little bit of way for me to give back after receiving
- 15 all the comments from the public.
- 16 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: It's a rare
- 17 building, and the window profile is one of its rare
- 18 features.
- 19 MR. WHITEHEAD: Well, I was -- like I said,
- 20 I am not -- I have come up with every angle, and
- 21 whatever you guys decide is -- I am just going to go
- 22 with it, you know.
- 23 COMMISSIONER KAPU: I have a guestion for
- 24 staff. You know, I lived in one house like this for
- 25 many years, yeah. And what is evident is, you know,

- 1 those counter sinks, the solid joints, the question for
- 2 me whether the County was able to do an internal
- 3 inspection on those. Because those chains on the
- 4 inside, you are talking the age of house, it depends on
- 5 whether or not those chains did come across some rust on
- 6 the inside.
- 7 So, I am kind of -- the way I'm feeling is
- 8 if we deny, what is to happen if those counter sinks was
- 9 to drop? So, did you do an internal check on the
- 10 windows?
- 11 MR. SOLAMILLO: No, I did not. I didn't
- 12 remove any casing or inspect the chain and weight
- 13 system.
- 14 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Because if I am not
- 15 mistaken, there's a soffit above the windows, and
- 16 there's some pulleys and the chain.
- 17 MR. SOLAMILLO: There should be a pulley at
- 18 the top and actually a pulley at the base as well in
- 19 some cases. And I did not see any -- because we
- 20 didn't -- I was just doing a quick inspection, and I
- 21 didn't have an opportunity to remove a facing and
- 22 actually look at it.
- 23 COMMISSIONER KAPU: We had 'em house exactly
- 24 like this, and those weights I use them for my lay net
- 25 now. But the point I am getting to is

- 1 longevity-speaking-wise is how long is it going to last.
- 2 So, if we making one determination based on
- 3 something we cannot actually see that, you know, I want
- 4 to know for sure whether or not those windows can been
- 5 restored or what. I mean, if he's going to have to rip
- 6 out these windows to -- to do as best of a job, do they
- 7 even sell the parts still?
- 8 MR. SOLAMILLO: The mechanism that is used
- 9 in historical wood windows, for double hung and single
- 10 hung sash, include a pulley, sometimes a chain,
- 11 sometimes a rope instead of a chain, and a
- 12 counterweight.
- And not having had the opportunity to
- 14 actually inspect and remove the interior facing of the
- 15 windows, because you will do it from the inside of the
- 16 house and actually look at it, if there's a chance of
- 17 rust, and, yes, there is, because we live near the
- 18 ocean, so, probably your chain, if they used a chain,
- 19 and the pulley will be rusted. And those will probably
- 20 need to be replaced. But you can get them. They are
- 21 not -- they come in kits now, and they are not things
- 22 that, you know, are totally unavailable.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Kalei.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Just a question,
- 25 point of clarification. When we talk about multi-light,

- 1 is that grids with windows?
- 2 MR. SOLAMILLO: Yeah, a multi-light -- what
- 3 we are looking at in this case is a one -- what I call a
- 4 one-over-one wood sash. And that's one light, one pane
- 5 of glass over another window sash that has one pane of
- 6 glass.
- When you have a dividing muntin, which
- 8 breaks it into two, which is on that house across the
- 9 street, then it's two-over-two. And then the later
- 10 examples -- and this house dates between 1919 and 1924.
- 11 The examples that the applicant was using for the
- 12 six-over-six, which is six panes of glass over six panes
- 13 of glass and wood sashes, that was 1927.
- 14 But you can't use -- I have found in going
- 15 across our island, you go up to Pioneer Mill, the
- 16 office, it's one-over-one. That's built in 1910.
- 17 Usually we find -- you know, on the mainland, we have
- 18 got divided lights coming earlier, and the larger like a
- 19 one-over-one light wood sash comes later.
- 20 But here it's kind of the availability of
- 21 when they could ship from it the mainland and how they
- 22 got it. But the divided lights will refer to the number
- 23 of panes of glass in a window. And in this case, the
- 24 later date is going to be six-over-six for Lahaina, and
- 25 an earlier date will be a smaller number of window

- 1 panes.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Any more comments,
- 3 Commissioners?
- 4 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Mike, you got this
- 5 place, right?
- 6 MR. WHITEHEAD: Yes.
- 7 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: You are planning to
- 8 reside here?
- 9 MR. WHITEHEAD: That's where we are planning
- 10 to move in to after we finish it.
- 11 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Okay. And this,
- 12 staff, I think, came up about the intention of what
- 13 would be the longevity of this termite-eaten baseboard.
- 14 I mean, is it going to continue if he restores it, or, I
- 15 mean, how bad is it, where, like you said, it's not as
- 16 bad, but it would put some finances into repairing it in
- 17 the future.
- 18 MR. SOLAMILLO: I only did a cursory
- 19 evaluation of the windows on the front of the house.
- 20 And the windows on the front of the house do not appear
- 21 to be severely termite damaged.
- I have not walked around the complete house
- 23 and can't, you know, speak to those. And I'm going to
- 24 say, in deference to the applicant, you know, he has
- 25 made improvements to the street. We would not be here

- 1 unless the house is -- you know, is a National Register
- 2 eligible property and a significant group of houses
- 3 together as a grouping, and also located within the
- 4 National Historic Landmark District.
- 5 The National Park Service is very clear and
- 6 precise upon the use of vinyl or any other kind of
- 7 windows to replace original wood window sash.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Stan, what if he would
- 9 replace it with a -- okay. I am trying to get his
- 10 point, too, because you are saying a lot of the houses
- 11 in that same camp has been altered already.
- 12 And like you are saying, if anybody sells
- 13 their property and then the new owners move in, do they
- 14 rehab or preserve their homes to the 1940s style or the
- 15 1950 or the 1960. I mean, you know, which historical
- 16 era must their home represent. But right now, you are
- 17 talking about a plantation style.
- 18 MR. SOLAMILLO: Right.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: So --
- MR. SOLAMILLO: Built between 1919 and 1924.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: So, what you are
- 22 saying is if anyone sells their home now like with the
- 23 louvers ones, and the owner wants to change his door
- 24 plan and window plans, do they go back to the -- must he
- 25 go back to the Plantation Era?

- 1 MR. SOLAMILLO: The staff would recommend
- 2 that they return it to what it looked like prior to the
- 3 addition of a multi-paned window that was vinyl. But
- 4 again, that is after the fact.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Like Kalei brought it
- 6 up, too, I guess the houses that are not in compliance
- 7 were after the fact.
- 8 MR. SOLAMILLO: Right.
- 9 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: For Stan. Help me
- 10 understand this. Is there some mana'o called compromise
- 11 of some sort? See, I am looking at all this, too. I am
- 12 looking at the young man, and, you know, it's a home,
- 13 and I'm looking at what we are trying to preserve, you
- 14 know, and that's good. But is there any recommend for
- 15 some kind of compromise materialistic?
- 16 MR. SOLAMILLO: Since we are talking about
- 17 the National Historic Landmark District, that really
- 18 doesn't allow staff the opportunity to compromise.
- 19 Normally, because -- because this is a place
- 20 that was recognized, as early as 1966, as being a
- 21 nationally significant place, it has only 60
- 22 archaeological sites, and it has, right now, a number of
- 23 historic buildings, which we don't know how many are
- 24 still intact and how many have been compromised.
- 25 And through no fault of this Commission and

- 1 no fault of the Planning Department, today, over a
- 2 period of time, changes have been made which erode the
- 3 character of the district as a whole.
- 4 What has happened recently was that the
- 5 National Park Service asked Maui County to do a
- 6 reassessment of all the national historic districts,
- 7 including the NHL in Lahaina. That forces us to
- 8 actually evaluate the entire district, how many
- 9 buildings are unchanged or restored versus how many
- 10 buildings have been altered.
- And that ultimately compromises the
- 12 integrity of the district as a whole, because you have
- 13 to maintain a certain number or percentage of buildings,
- 14 which they call contributing, to those that have been
- 15 altered or new construction, which they call
- 16 noncontributing.
- And that's why, at this point in time, staff
- 18 doesn't really have an opportunity to compromise on what
- 19 the National Park Service has taken such a stand on.
- 20 which is retain, repair, or replace in kind.
- 21 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Mr. Chair.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay.
- 23 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: I think it's a
- 24 difficult position. Hopefully, you can see where we
- 25 stand also. We are actually battling for you.

- 1 MR. WHITEHEAD: Yeah.
- 2 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Whatever we can, even
- 3 as we sit on this Commission, the way I look at it, when
- 4 I really read this through and talked about it -- I
- 5 mean, if we are going to restore a heiau, I don't think
- 6 we would put hollow tile in instead of pohaku, yeah. We
- 7 replace it as is.
- 8 Even as Stan is talking about it, you want
- 9 to try and keep it as such. I mean, it's a really
- 10 difficult position, because you already bought all the
- 11 things, too. I mean, you know, we feel for you and
- 12 things like that.
- But you are in a real special place also.
- 14 You know, and that's what we are looking at, and that's
- 15 why we are here today. In fact, we are going to
- 16 continue talking about how special the place is. I
- 17 don't know, but I battled with it, but I see what staff
- 18 is also recommending also on that, but I just wanted to
- 19 say that.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Go ahead. Nani.
- 21 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: Aloha. I have a
- 22 question. If you was to restore it to its original, I
- 23 mean, having to purchase all of those to break -- the
- 24 wood and like -- I know what he's talking about, because
- 25 a lot of the homes on Lana'i is plantation, and some of

- 1 these windows cannot open today, because it's stuck. I
- 2 mean, you know, and people can't find the replacement
- 3 for those windows. But if you was to do all that, how
- 4 much would it cost you to?
- 5 MR. WHITEHEAD: I couldn't tell you in
- 6 honesty. I mean, even the time difference, I don't
- 7 know. You know, like I said, at this point, we are
- 8 about three months longer than we thought trying to make
- 9 two mortgages. And, you know, I -- I mean, like I said,
- 10 whatever you guys decide we are going to go with.
- But if it was to keep it, you know, to me, I
- 12 would rather just take a loss on the \$7,000, move on,
- 13 suck it up, see if I can sell 'em, you know, for
- 14 whatever and minimize it.
- 15 But I really wouldn't restore the windows.
- 16 I would just move along with the construction. If they
- 17 can move, they move. If they can't move, they can't
- 18 move, and just try to get through it. Because
- 19 time-wise, I'm not familiar, so I can't really give you
- 20 a cost how long it would take me.
- You know, like I said, we walked through the
- 22 window, did a quick inspection, but you walk back
- 23 through and you feel under the paint, you can feel the
- 24 soft spots, and the paint is kind of holding that up a
- 25 bit right now. But if you feel it and you start busting

- 1 through, as I have, then you see it.
- 2 But like I said, I understand where you guys
- 3 are and what. But for me, it's -- you know, there is no
- 4 hard feelings. Just go with whatever. I am here for
- 5 the fact that the bottom line was \$7,000, and but if
- 6 not, then I just move on. You know, no hard feelings,
- 7 just keep going.
- 8 Because like I said, I understand the point
- 9 for this house, but there was the inconsistencies of the
- 10 street already. The house across the street, is he
- 11 waiting for it to fall naturally so he can be allowed to
- 12 put something else up? I don't know. So, I really
- 13 honestly can't tell you how long.
- 14 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: I know that on
- 15 Lana'i, one of the churches was restored. And the
- 16 windows were -- I mean, even the minister said after all
- 17 these years, it's the first time the windows can open.
- But they had, you know, someone come in and
- 19 donate their time to do it, but it was a lot of work. I
- 20 mean, it was -- it's beautiful. It's the original
- 21 church windows, and they fixed it up. But, I don't
- 22 know. It's sort of hard, because I understand what you
- 23 are going through, and here you have other properties
- 24 that also have the vinyl windows. But I think for
- 25 staff, I mean, it's --

- 1 MR. WHITEHEAD: Well, that was one reason,
- 2 too, like I said, for the roof. His picture was showing
- 3 the material on the roof is to preserve the roof. I
- 4 think the corrugated metal, I didn't want to update it
- 5 to Architect 80 or pull it and put new metal, because it
- 6 wouldn't look right.
- 7 The open rafter, leaving the open rafter and
- 8 painting the open rafter so you can see it, instead of
- 9 putting fascia, putting gutters. To me, that was -- it
- 10 was part of -- I mean, it's a give and take. If you
- 11 want the real character of the plantation home, you
- 12 can't put fascia, because that automatically takes away,
- 13 for me at least, in my opinion. So, you just deal with
- 14 the rain going all around you and just dropping.
- 15 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Mr. Kapu.
- 17 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Question of staff.
- 18 Trying to get an understanding whether or not an
- 19 adequate -- how would you say it? -- examination of the
- 20 windows was done. I'm kind of worried about the
- 21 internal part.
- The judgment was based on whether or not the
- 23 window can open or close, fine. But if there's
- 24 something going on on the inside. So, what I getting
- 25 is, okay, a window's open, and despite redo it, no

- 1 matter how much the internal costs, but what is the
- 2 internal damage. So, we really doing one assessment
- 3 basically only an assumption, what I am looking at.
- 4 So, my mana'o is to, I guess, have the
- 5 County do an assessment whether or not those windows
- 6 should be rehabilitated or -- I lost my train of
- 7 thought.
- 8 So, that's my mana'o. That's my input,
- 9 whether or not there was an adequate assessment done to
- 10 make a judgment whether or not these windows should be
- 11 rehabilitated on a vinyl house. Is it a vinyl house?
- 12 MR. SOLAMILLO: No.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: No.
- 14 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Partially, no?
- 15 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Question back to
- 16 staff. So, the grouping of homes we are talking about
- 17 is five or is there more?
- 18 MR. SOLAMILLO: I will have to go back. Six
- 19 right now along Lahainaluna Road.
- 20 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: And then out of those
- 21 six, how many have vinyl windows at this point?
- 22 MR. SOLAMILLO: Three.
- 23 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Half.
- MR. WHITEHEAD: Three, and then the one next
- 25 door to us has louvered windows.

- 1 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: That's even worse,
- 2 yeah.
- 3 MR. SOLAMILLO: That was done during the
- 4 '50s.
- 5 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: That was done during
- 6 the '50s. I think what Mr. Whitehead said, too, you
- 7 know, I mean even talking about the -- I don't know. I
- 8 am not a structural engineer, but if you talk about
- 9 integrity of it, he said he's not going to touch it. He
- 10 is going to leave it as is, which you hate to see it
- 11 fall apart, too. I mean, even as it.
- 12 MR. WHITEHEAD: We would still live there
- 13 even if we did, but like I said, I don't know. It's
- 14 going into a point where the time, and then ripping
- 15 drywall out to restore each window individually would
- 16 be, you know, just -- I mean, financially, it's kind of
- 17 out of my reach.
- 18 MRS. WHITEHEAD: If you guys don't mind.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Excuse me. Can you
- 20 state your name?
- 21 MRS. WHITEHEAD: Siuafu Whitehead. I'm
- 22 Mike's wife. I wanted to -- I actually wasn't planning
- 23 to be up here, but he's missing some good -- some
- 24 points, and I want to make sure that, you know, it's
- 25 said.

- 1 Financially, it's going six months.
- 2 Financially, it's not good. You know, we are getting
- 3 into the point that, you know, you feel like putting a
- 4 sign up there already, which we don't want to do. We
- 5 are so -- you know, we are not Hawaiians, but we are --
- 6 we want to keep -- I am sorry. This -- maybe that's why
- 7 I'm not supposed to be up here.
- 8 We want to -- we love these plantation
- 9 homes, and I think that was -- you know, our goal was to
- 10 find all these plantation old homes that we want to --
- 11 you know, if we can afford, purchase them and try to --
- 12 we can't restore it to what it's supposed to be, but we
- 13 are going to try to do as much as we could to keep these
- 14 buildings, you know, still have that plantation look.
- There's a few things that we need to
- 16 actually change, which the windows was a big thing. You
- 17 know, we have two small children here. And, you know, I
- 18 can -- and there was the thing I wanted him to keep
- 19 saying the safety. And I'm glad there was a few of you
- 20 guys here that see that.
- 21 And exactly, you know, Mr. Kapu, you know,
- 22 those windows are not safe, because even myself trying
- 23 to open those windows, I can't open it. He has to open
- 24 it. And those windows are not -- they are not steady.
- 25 You know, they can fall, you know. And that was my big

- 1 issue, because somebody had mentioned something -- I
- 2 think it was one of the old buildings, Carden Academy.
- 3 And I guess they tried to restore those windows, and one
- 4 of the teachers got caught her fingers. She's still
- 5 going into surgery, I guess, and checking up on that.
- 6 So, that was, to me right there, you know.
- 7 Besides, we are trying to keep as much as we
- 8 could, you know. The whole inside we are pretty much --
- 9 you know, the cabinets, the counters, you know, and
- 10 there is some rotten parts in there that, of course, we
- 11 are going to have to replace those. But we are trying
- 12 to keep -- we are not extending the foot frame. We are
- 13 not making anything different, but just to keep -- you
- 14 know, keep the building.
- 15 You know, the windows was just one of the
- 16 big thing, like what he said. You know, we went through
- 17 it with the next house, the house next door, you know,
- 18 and it went through no problem. And now we got in to
- 19 this, there was a big, you know.
- If we knew that, we wouldn't be, I guess,
- 21 purchase the windows prior to. But we wanted to get it.
- 22 We didn't think it would take six months to get this
- 23 permit. And financially, it's not good. He's not doing
- 24 anything on the financial part, so he doesn't know where
- 25 we at.

- 1 So, I wanted to get up and say it's not
- 2 good. And you know, I'm a real estate agent. You know,
- 3 you feel like just putting that sign up and saying,
- 4 okay, let somebody else come and deal with it, you know.
- 5 We are getting to the point there's not -- you know,
- 6 there won't be enough money to try and fix up this place
- 7 to restore this place.
- 8 I don't know how many months, you know,
- 9 maybe a couple months. You know, so I wanted to just
- 10 let you guys know where we at, you know. I mean,
- 11 whatever it ends up to, that's what we are going to go
- 12 with. But, you know, we are just asking for your help
- 13 on this. Okay.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Questions? Comments?
- Mike, you know on your home right now, you
- 16 painted the building, and you did the window frames and
- 17 stuff. Are those the -- are they the original windows?
- 18 MR. WHITEHEAD: That's the original. The
- 19 whole thing for me was to see what it looked like
- 20 compared to the green one that we are in, and see if
- 21 there was a visible difference from the exterior, which
- 22 I think was the whole purpose for not wanting to have
- 23 the vinyl, that it took away from the character.
- The painted there, that's the left side of
- 25 the house, and then this is the left side of the green

- 1 house. I taped the grids in just so that you had that
- 2 look, so you could -- so you could look. It's when you
- 3 go inside that you see the difference.
- 4 You know, there's a thing, you know, the
- 5 compromise, which is good. I forget the point. I was
- 6 thinking about it while my wife was talking. If we did
- 7 replace the windows, and I just make a suggestion that,
- 8 you know, maybe to save them, then try to restore it.
- 9 And then anybody, you know, at least staff
- 10 would know, you folks would know these windows are
- 11 available to start trying to restore outside instead of
- 12 as you are trying to do the construction on the house.
- 13 Or if we were to somehow be able to purchase another
- 14 house, we have them already, and we could -- then I
- 15 would know to just start planning already, and then try
- 16 to restore it while they are on the outside, and see if
- 17 it is worth restoring.
- 18 But then we would have a physical example if
- 19 it couldn't be. So that would be the new replacement
- 20 for myself or anybody else that was to purchase a
- 21 plantation home that had these type of windows, is take
- 22 them out and try to preserve it from that standpoint,
- 23 and then actually know what the cost, what the time
- 24 would be and see. But it's something you could do on
- 25 the side later, you know, not trash them. Because I am

- 1 familiar with these windows.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Thank you.
- 3 Anything?
- 4 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: I saw evidence where
- 5 this was a single-wall construction, and I see you have
- 6 gyp board, and you talked about drywall or gyp board,
- 7 having to remove it to get to the window frames. Is it
- 8 all gyp board?
- 9 MR. WHITEHEAD: What do you mean, on the
- 10 inside?
- 11 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: Yeah.
- MR. WHITEHEAD: Yeah, we were updating, but
- 13 they didn't have -- staff, they didn't have an issue
- 14 with me doing the double wall construction, because we
- 15 wanted to insulate for energy efficiency, and we did
- 16 take up the canec ceiling or whatever it was called back
- 17 in that day.
- 18 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: Then you put the
- 19 original trim on the windows and doors on the inside
- 20 back as it was?
- 21 MR. WHITEHEAD: Original trim inside?
- 22 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: Yes. I am trying to
- 23 get information from you to let me know if the trim is
- 24 what is between you and the window sash, the weights.
- 25 If you take the trim off, you would find the weights.

- 1 MR. WHITEHEAD: Yeah, I have never done
- 2 that.
- 3 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: That's not a problem
- 4 getting to them. You wouldn't have to tear up the
- 5 drywall, because your trim is covering it up.
- 6 Now, there's two problems with your windows
- 7 historically. One is that the windows fall, and they
- 8 take the fingers off possibly, what you were talking
- 9 about, and that's because the weight is gone. The
- 10 weight -- the rope broke. All you would have to do is
- 11 put a new rope or put a knot in the rope into the
- 12 weight, and that would take care of that.
- 13 If they stick, that's because they have had
- 14 many, many coats of paint. No one ever removes the
- 15 paint. They just paint over it, and then that paint
- 16 turns into glue. And that's why they are sticking. So,
- 17 if you remove the paint, and then you make sure that the
- 18 weight's on there, they go up and down like magic, and
- 19 they will not fall. So, that's something that has to
- 20 do -- has to be done if you are going to restore them.
- 21 MR. WHITEHEAD: Yeah, I know, but you go
- 22 back into time and finances. I am not in the position
- 23 to be able to do that. For me, I would rather -- if
- 24 they can open, they open. If they can't, then we suffer
- 25 it. This is where I would stand. I mean, I am just

- 1 being honest. I mean, the look of the house will look
- 2 just like what I sampled down there.
- 3 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: Right.
- 4 MR. WHITEHEAD: And that was my focus. That
- 5 was staff's focus. He didn't care what happened inside.
- 6 It was about what the community was seeing.
- 7 And so my neighbors just did the petition
- 8 the last two or three days, because this was only about
- 9 two weeks ago that it got denied, that, you know, we
- 10 threw around the idea. And I kind of didn't want to,
- 11 because I felt bad to ask people to help fight our
- 12 battle.
- And my neighbors said, you should. Don't
- 14 feel bad. So, I just thought go ahead and do it then.
- 15 And that's why some had dates, some had phone number,
- 16 because I have never done a petition before. This is
- 17 all new territory for me.
- 18 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: You are somewhat of
- 19 a victim of circumstances, because all these things are
- 20 required. You have the building, and our job is to make
- 21 sure that the historic preservation is restored or is
- 22 always there, and that's why I'm going to stick with my
- 23 preference.
- 24 MR. WHITEHEAD: Yeah.
- 25 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: And it's not because

- 1 we are trying to pick on you. Everybody is trying to
- 2 help. I don't seem to be, but I am. I know your
- 3 father. He's a client of mine, and I would really like
- 4 to see you do six-on-six, but I am on this Board, and I
- 5 am going to stick with the one-on-one.
- 6 MR. WHITEHEAD: No, like I say, I totally
- 7 understand that point for the house. So, you know, like
- 8 I said, it's no hard feelings, but it's just whatever
- 9 you guys decide.
- 10 As Stanley said, if you are not going to
- 11 take it past the appeal, you can get your permit.
- 12 Whatever they decide, then you get your permit, as long
- 13 as you are not going to try and fight it. And I --
- 14 financially, I know that much. I don't want to drag
- 15 this out. I want to just kind of move on.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Kalei.
- 17 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Question for staff.
- 18 And I don't know if this question really applies though.
- 19 But Mr. Whitehead made a statement. I kind of was --
- 20 kind of keyed my interest. And he talked about taping.
- 21 Suppose on his window pane, he wants to coincide with
- 22 the other houses, and he tapes it with white tape, that
- 23 single pane to have six, what happens then? I mean,
- 24 does he qualify because he changes it?
- 25 He didn't change that. He just -- he just

- 1 taped it. I mean, is there a difference? Is that
- 2 called altering or what? I don't know. I am just kind
- 3 of wondering, because if he wants to do it with his
- 4 other house, we don't give it -- he tapes it, it matches
- 5 the other house, what happens then?
- 6 MR. SOLAMILLO: I mean, I think we are all,
- 7 in a sense, a victim of circumstances. Well, we
- 8 shouldn't be here discussing this issue really. But the
- 9 rules from the Feds are fairly specific, and they tell
- 10 you what to do. And that's why we are here.
- You know, if I were to compromise, and I'm
- 12 not recommending this as a compromise, I would say do
- 13 your vinyl, pull out the muntins. They are clip on, are
- 14 they not?
- MR. WHITEHEAD: It is a double pane glass
- 16 for energy efficiency.
- 17 MR. SOLAMILLO: So, the muntins are in the
- 18 middle, so you couldn't. But if they were of a few
- 19 years ago where he could pull the things out, then he
- 20 could do one-over-one. But I cannot recommend that
- 21 because it goes against the Secretary of Interior
- 22 standards.
- And the issue here is we have a building
- 24 within a group of buildings that is eligible for listing
- 25 in the National Register. Do we allow, within the

- 1 National Historic Landmark District, someone -- or do we
- 2 give a carte blanche to someone who wants to make it
- 3 noncontributing.
- 4 Because in re-rating the buildings and doing
- 5 the reassessment of the district, I have to weigh do the
- 6 other three that have been done -- and they are an
- 7 improvement to Lahainaluna, because I walked up and down
- 8 that street many times, and the houses look terrible,
- 9 and finally they look great.
- 10 But, are they contributing any longer? No,
- 11 because they have been altered. And that's kind of
- 12 where we are at, because we have to use not our
- 13 guidelines, but the Federal guidelines, because, A, it's
- 14 National Register eligible, and more importantly, it's
- 15 part of the National Historic Landmark District.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay, Commissioners.
- 17 Go ahead.
- 18 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: I take one shot at
- 19 this. When we talk about historical preservation or
- 20 historical preservation names or historical places, I
- 21 cannot help that I would be appalled by historical names
- 22 like Nioli, Kaina, Kaia, Pua. I mean, they are all
- 23 families that are supporting this.
- So, what I am trying to get at, where do we
- 25 draw the line when we have, you know, within your own

- 1 community supporting regarding the windows and
- 2 historically preserving those windows.
- I am going to have to draw my conclusion and
- 4 my line here by saying that you are a young man, family.
- 5 Hopefully that you will live there and not flip it like
- 6 how some realtors do, because you are going to be stuck
- 7 with living with the community that's supporting you,
- 8 yeah.
- 9 MR. WHITEHEAD: Yeah.
- 10 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: So, I'm going to have
- 11 to support this request by Mr. Whitehead.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. So, we need to
- 13 move on, Commissioners. We thank Michael here, and we
- 14 got to either make a motion -- we are here to either
- 15 approve or deny the request from Mike.
- 16 Kind of like we got our hands tied, because
- 17 we really want to help you out, too. But, you know, we
- 18 are dealing with a National Historical site.
- 19 MR. WHITEHEAD: Sorry if I took up too much
- 20 time.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: No, this is important,
- 22 because it's going to affect a lot of people down the
- 23 road in the future when they come for things like this.
- 24 And not only on the plantation homes, it's going to get
- 25 other historical homes, other things that falls in the

- 1 National Historical Preservation zone. You know, we got
- 2 to deal with it.
- 3 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Mr. Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Yes.
- 5 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: I'm requesting
- 6 approval to replace the one-over-one light wood windows
- 7 with six-over-six light vinyl windows in the former
- 8 Pioneer Mill Company barracks located at 232 Lahainaluna
- 9 Road. I'm seeking approval.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Are you making a
- 11 motion?
- 12 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Yes, sir.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: There's a motion on
- 14 the floor right now.
- MR. WHITEHEAD: The address is 224.
- 16 MR. SOLAMILLO: 224.
- 17 MR. WHITEHEAD: I think he said 232.
- 18 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: He has 232.
- 19 MR. WHITEHEAD: No, it's 224. 232 is the
- 20 one that's done already.
- 21 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: Six-over-six if we
- 22 are getting the job done.
- 23 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Okay. I will state
- 24 it over again, Mr. Chair. I am requesting approval to
- 25 replace one-over-one light wood windows with

- 1 six-over-six light vinyl windows in a former Pioneer
- 2 Mill Company barracks located at 224 Lahainaluna Road
- 3 TMK(2)4-06-010:014 in the National Historic Landmark
- 4 District, Lahaina, Maui.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Commissioners, that's
- 6 the motion. Do we have a second?
- 7 There is no second. Does anyone have
- 8 another motion, or anyone wants to support the motion
- 9 that is on the table now?
- 10 Okay. Can we have just a new motion?
- 11 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: I make a motion to
- 12 replace -- to deny replace one-over-one light wood
- 13 windows with six-over-six light vinyl windows.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Do I have a second?
- 15 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL: You have got to
- 16 do something.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: I don't hear a second.
- 18 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: We are stuck.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: We are stuck, and this
- 20 is not a court also. We don't have a hung jury here.
- 21 We are going to have to make a recommendation now.
- MR. WHITEHEAD: Whatever you guys decide.
- 23 Like I said, no hard feelings, just so we can move on.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: Okay. It's just
- 25 protocol. I need to know the process. Should there be

- 1 no second to the first, no second to the second, then
- 2 what? I think I am asking Corporate Counsel. I need to
- 3 understand this.
- 4 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL: If the first
- 5 second -- or if the first motion fails for lack of a
- 6 second, and then the second motion fails for lack of a
- 7 second, there is still alternative motions.
- 8 There is a motion -- there could possibly be
- 9 motions to defer, motions for further information.
- 10 There could be -- I guess you could just table it to see
- 11 if -- I believe you have one, two, three, four, five.
- 12 You have seven of nine members. If you wish to have
- 13 more participation by your membership, that could also
- 14 possibly be a reason to defer.
- But it should be voiced in a motion. If you
- 16 can't get any motions whatsoever, I think naturally it
- 17 would defer to the next meeting.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Part of the
- 19 concern here is time. This appeal -- this appeal has
- 20 been for several months already. And I don't think a
- 21 deferral would be justifiable for the applicant. So --
- 22 and I don't think we need more time to, you know,
- 23 address this situation here. We need to decide, again,
- 24 right now.
- 25 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: Just bear with me. I

- 1 have a question. Can we go back to the first motion?
- 2 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL: Yes, you can
- 3 renew the first motion, because it failed for lack of a
- 4 second not because it was voted down.
- 5 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: Oh, learning.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Commissioners.
- 7 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: So, James, do I
- 8 repeat my motion again?
- 9 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL: Yes, you can
- 10 repeat your motion.
- 11 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Requesting approval
- 12 to replace one-over-one light wood windows with
- 13 six-over-six vinyl windows in the former Pioneer Mill
- 14 Company barracks located at 224 Lahainaluna Road,
- 15 TMK(2)4-06-010:014, in the National Historic Landmark
- 16 District Lahaina, Maui.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Do I hear a second?
- 18 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: I second.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. It's been moved
- 20 and second. The motion is now open for discussion.
- 21 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Mr. Chair, I got a
- 22 question.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Go ahead.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Maybe it's to staff.
- 25 Do we understand the repercussions on this also? Do we

- 1 have enough information that we understand what we are
- 2 actually asking, if this does pass, and we know for sure
- 3 within this historical area that others will be coming
- 4 and asking for this same thing. And once you open up
- 5 the window --
- 6 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: We are trying to
- 7 open.
- 8 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Yeah, I mean, just do
- 9 we understand the repercussions? That's my question.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Any more comments?
- 11 MR. SOLAMILLO: I will attempt to answer
- 12 that briefly. I think -- because, as I said just a few
- 13 minutes ago, I am fairly ambivalent if it weren't for
- 14 the regulations themselves, and for the fact that this
- 15 building is a contributing building, and it's located
- 16 within the NHL, and it's part of a group that are
- 17 eligible for listing in the National Register of
- 18 Historic Places.
- 19 That's not because they are common. That's
- 20 not because we drive down the street or the road and see
- 21 them every day. It's a finite resource, and once you
- 22 allow what the National Park Service calls those
- 23 character-defining elements, like the windows, to be
- 24 changed, then it goes to doors, then it's roofs. I want
- 25 a different kind of roof. I want a different kind of

- 1 porch. I don't like the columns.
- 2 I mean, in looking at this photograph
- 3 specifically, I could tell the applicant, you didn't use
- 4 four-by-four columns. Okay. And typically, you know,
- 5 the plantation is either four-by-four or six-by-six on
- 6 the wood columns. They may or may not be camphored.
- 7 Why do I have that?
- 8 But I am not going to go off after that in
- 9 this case, but I could go and be hardnosed. But, as I
- 10 said, specifically, the National Park Service
- 11 regulations single out doors and windows as those
- 12 special features that it doesn't want as vinyl replacing
- 13 wood or something like that.
- 14 It would be the same thing if you go to a
- 15 church and say, okay, the leaded windows -- you know, I
- 16 mean, we can't get it anymore. I can't find colored
- 17 glass. Let's just replace it with a vinyl window.
- 18 You'd get the same kind of response if the building were
- 19 eligible for listing in the National Register or located
- 20 within this district.
- 21 I would find it challenging, at best, to
- 22 have our Commission make such a decision, because that
- 23 sets a dangerous precedent for the rest of the district
- 24 and the lives -- the continued lives of historic
- 25 buildings which have survived to this day.

- 1 MR. WHITEHEAD: Can I just make a comment
- 2 since he brought up the four-by-six? That was because
- 3 we are not taking out the original rafters, anything in
- 4 the truss system that was done back then. And for me,
- 5 it was a safety issue. I don't know the difference in
- 6 strength between four-by-four and four-by-six, but for
- 7 me four-by-six felt a little more safer. And
- 8 longevity-wise to just know that that overhang won't
- 9 come crashing, because a couple of those rafters are
- 10 really rotted out, and that was the reason I made them
- 11 four-by-six.
- We proceeded at that point, because I have
- 13 two kids that can't seem to stay away from the house,
- 14 and the deck was falling, so I rebuilt it for safety and
- 15 posted it so the house wouldn't keep falling down, but
- 16 that's where it stopped.
- 17 The windows are in boxes right now in the
- 18 front yard, and they have been there since we had them.
- 19 And we haven't done anything inside except take out the
- 20 canec and the electrical.
- 21 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: Yeah, I just have a
- 22 comment for staff. I mean, I think the concern also is
- 23 you have a lot of these older homes that are owned by
- 24 some of our kupuna or families that live there. And
- 25 when you look at it, you know, the house is falling

- 1 apart, and it's only because they can't afford to
- 2 actually restore their homes, you know, to what is
- 3 required.
- 4 And I think for us, it's really a decision
- 5 where it's a hard decision. It's a very hard decision.
- 6 And I understand where, you know, he's coming from. He
- 7 wants to get into his house, make it safe for his
- 8 family, and be able to live there.
- 9 And I think, you know, for me, you know, I
- 10 want to see safety. And I don't know. It's really
- 11 hard. I mean, I believe that I want to see restoration,
- 12 because -- and see the plantation, but on the other
- 13 hand, also how can we, you know, make this --
- 14 MR. MAKEKAU: Hello.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Can you wait? Because
- 16 we have a motion on the table right now.
- 17 MR. MAKEKAU: What is there to hold that
- 18 back?
- 19 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: So, are there homes
- 20 that has already been restructured by past practice by
- 21 other residents in this area?
- 22 MR. SOLAMILLO: You mean is there a
- 23 precedent for the changes on this street within this
- 24 group of houses? Yes, there are three of them.
- 25 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Did they --

- 1 MR. SOLAMILLO: And by Mr. Whitehead.
- 2 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Okay.
- 3 MR. SOLAMILLO: Yeah. Did you do all three?
- 4 MR. WHITEHEAD: No, I only did 232. I think
- 5 the permits were applied from the previous owner that
- 6 owned all three or their group, and then when we came
- 7 in, we assumed the permit. We did only 232. The other
- 8 was done by whoever else.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Any more
- 10 discussions? Okay. All in favor of the motion say aye.
- 11 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Aye.
- 12 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: Aye.
- 13 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: Aye.
- 14 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Show of hands.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Yeah, show of hands.
- 16 Show of hands. All in favor of the motion, raise your
- 17 right hand.
- 18 (Commissioners Artates, Marquez, Watanabe
- 19 and Moikeha raised their hands.)
- All opposed.
- 21 (Commissioners Kapu and Whelchel raised
- 22 their hands.)
- 23 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: The motion is not
- 24 going to carry.
- 25 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL: Chair can vote.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: I am going to vote
- 2 with Ke'eaumoku and Lon. So, it's a three/four vote.
- 3 We need five to pass. So, we have to introduce another
- 4 motion.
- 5 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: I make a motion that
- 6 we defer.
- 7 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: Yeah, I second.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: It has been moved and
- 9 second that we defer this request, this application.
- 10 Any discussions? No discussions, all in favor raise
- 11 your right hand.
- 12 (Commissioners Kapu, Artates, Marquez,
- 13 Watanabe and Moikeha raised their hands.)
- 14 All opposed.
- 15 (Commissioner Whelchel raised his had.)
- The Chair will vote. I will go with the
- 17 defer. The motion has been deferred.
- 18 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: To the next meeting?
- 19 MR. SOLAMILLO: You want deferment to the
- 20 next meeting?
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Yes.
- MR. SOLAMILLO: The case will be deferred to
- 23 the August 2, CRC meeting. That's August 2nd.
- 24 COMMISSIONER KAPU: I have a question for
- 25 staff. Being that we decided on deferred, I guess I am

- 1 asking to get some clarity. You know, there's a lot of
- 2 questions that have been drawn based upon why we going
- 3 through this all the time. Where is the legitimacy in
- 4 these kind of applications that come forward for us.
- 5 And I looking at one sheet of paper with
- 6 three pictures on top. So, it doesn't give me any
- 7 clarity based upon whether or not -- and, you know, to
- 8 the public, too. It's not easy being one volunteer got
- 9 to sit here and listen to all these kind of applications
- 10 that come forward.
- 11 The whole thing boils down to integrity
- 12 versus the lifestyle of our town. Yeah? The lives of
- 13 our town. We can make a concern that goes on. I mean,
- 14 we get concerns about sign violations in Lahaina Town or
- 15 sign ordinances. So, when it comes to helping out
- 16 the -- basically, the ohana trying to find a place to
- 17 live, you know, Nani Watanabe made a comment that our
- 18 kupuna can't even afford under the Secretary of Interior
- 19 standards based upon what needs to be done to upgrade
- 20 their houses.
- So, hey, Catch-22 for us all over again.
- 22 Turning our town into a museum not even understanding
- 23 our lives that are at stake. So, that's my comment.
- 24 And once this item comes on the floor, I would like to
- 25 ask for more clarity in front of me. Thank you.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay, Mike. I know
- 2 time is your factor, but we have moved to defer your
- 3 appeal to our August meeting. We thank you for coming
- 4 here today and presenting. You have a very good
- 5 display.
- 6 Like Ke'eaumoku was saying, we hope that
- 7 staff would have got some information like yourself
- 8 there. We would get one wider understanding of what's
- 9 been happening to all the plantation homes down here in
- 10 Lahaina.
- And the other thing is that once they
- 12 decided that Lahaina become a National Historical site,
- 13 that is where I think the problem all began. And it's
- 14 also very difficult for a County official body to be
- 15 making decisions that is governed by the Federal
- 16 government.
- 17 I think at one time in the future, I think
- 18 they are going to have to come down here and do that
- 19 work instead of always throwing it on the County. And,
- 20 you know, we are dealing with Federal issues. You know,
- 21 you don't see park rangers walking around at the
- 22 National Historical Site here in Lahaina.
- You go to any other National Historical
- 24 Site, you see park rangers walking around. You know, I
- 25 think we got to get up to times sometime soon. Anyway,

- 1 I just wanted to thank you very much for presenting, you
- 2 know, your appeal case to us. And I am sorry we didn't
- 3 get to a better conclusion, but we hope we can do 'em in
- 4 August.
- 5 MR. WHITEHEAD: Thank you for your time. Do
- 6 you guys want to keep this? If you guys have -- I don't
- 7 know if you guys meet independently, but you can hold
- 8 the board and the petition and the article there.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. We can leave it
- 10 with --
- 11 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: With staff.
- MR. WHITEHEAD: Thank you for your time.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Thank you.
- 14 Stan, the next.
- MR. SOLAMILLO: It's been requested break
- 16 for five minutes.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: And I don't believe
- 18 the bathrooms are open. It's right back here. We are
- 19 going to take a short five-minute break and be right
- 20 back.
- 21 (Recess, 11:29 a.m. Resumed, 11:45 a.m.
- 22 Deputy Corporation Counsel left the hearing.)
- 23 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. We will now
- 24 reconvene with this meeting. Staff.
- MR. SOLAMILLO: The next item is Mr. Jerry

- 1 Kunimoto representing Mr. Ron Egan, on behalf of
- 2 LahainaTown Action Committee, requesting Historic
- 3 District approval for the Annual Halloween in Lahaina
- 4 Event to take place within Historic District No. 1 at
- 5 Banyan Tree Park, the Library Lawn, Baldwin House,
- 6 Campbell Park, Kamehameha Iki Park, and along Front
- 7 Street from Baker to Shaw on Maui Tax Map Keys
- 8 (2)4-6-01:07, 09, 10, and 999, 4-6-07:999, 4-6-08: 06
- 9 and 07, and 4-6-02:10 in Lahaina, Maui.
- 10 The CRC may approve or deny the request and
- 11 provide recommendations. Public testimony will be
- 12 accepted. The planner for the project is Livit
- 13 Callentine.
- 14 MS. CALLENTINE: Good morning,
- 15 Commissioners.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Excuse me. Before we
- 17 go on, just a reminder. We will have -- for those of
- 18 you testifying, we will have a three-minute time limit.
- 19 If you have more to say, you can come in after the rest
- 20 of the people have testified. Thank you.
- 21 MS. CALLENTINE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good
- 22 morning, Commissioners. My name is Livit Callentine,
- 23 and I am a staff planner with the County of Maui
- 24 Planning Department.
- This event involves temporary closure of

- 1 Front Street, portions of Front Street from Baker to
- 2 Prison Street, closure of Hotel, Ward, Canal Streets on
- 3 October 31st. Front Street will be closed to vehicles
- 4 from Baker to Prison between 3:30 p.m., and the
- 5 applicant has requested until 12:00 a.m. In the past,
- 6 it has actually been till 11:30 a.m. (sic) has been the
- 7 reopening of Front Street.
- 8 The Front Street will also be closed through
- 9 to Shaw until the end of the keiki costume parade. And
- 10 Banyon Tree Park, Campbell Park, the Lahaina Library
- 11 Lawn and the Baldwin House Lawn will also be utilized,
- 12 and this was noted in your report as Exhibits 2, 3 and
- 13 4.
- 14 So, the event will being comprised -- and
- 15 I'm just going to really briefly go through all the
- 16 sections, and then if you have questions, either myself
- 17 or the applicant can answer those.
- 18 First off is the keiki costume parade. A
- 19 big hit. Everybody loves it. I went last year to
- 20 observe it. It's really sweet. I believe we have some
- 21 slides of it that you might want to see.
- This is the parade route showing for the
- 23 keiki parade. And the next slide, please. Again, just
- 24 an enlargement of the keiki parade. It terminates a
- 25 Kamehameha lki Park where each one of participants walks

- 1 up onto the pod and is handed an award or a ribbon for
- 2 participating.
- 3 And it's very sweet. I think they all get,
- 4 you know, little juice and some kind of a little gift.
- 5 And so this is where it terminates. And it generally
- 6 lasts for about an hour. It's very low key. The kids
- 7 are really excited. And like I say, it was done by
- 8 about 5:00, 5:30 last year.
- 9 Next slide, please. Okay. So, this is
- 10 actually slides of Banyon Tree Park and of the -- they
- 11 are proposed this year to be up to 12 vendors who are
- 12 selling food and selling arts and crafts objects, and
- 13 they are also proposed for this year as well.
- 14 This is a slide from just as the keiki
- 15 parade is just starting to get underway. Actually,
- 16 there were some moments where it was actually this slow.
- 17 So, next slide, please. Again, this is the keiki
- 18 portion. And so here you see some typical costumes.
- 19 The next portion of the event is -- it
- 20 shifts. At starting at about between 5:00 and 6:00, it
- 21 starts to shift into the adult portion of the parade.
- 22 And there's music and entertainment that will occur on a
- 23 stage in Banyon Tree Park and also on the Library Lawn.
- 24 The Air Force Band of the Pacific plays from
- 25 5:00 to 7:00 in Banyon Tree Park, and this is an

- 1 extremely family friendly type of band. I did attend
- 2 that concert last year. And then on the Library Lawn,
- 3 for two-and-a-half to three hours each, there will be a
- 4 couple of bands.
- 5 At the time of application, it was not
- 6 confirmed, but it was anticipated that it would be
- 7 someone like or actually Hector Serrano's band followed
- 8 by Marty Dread Band. Perhaps the applicant will be able
- 9 to confirm that today. So, that goes for a total of six
- 10 hours from 5:30 to 11:30 on a temporary stage.
- And then I mentioned there is the arts and
- 12 crafts, fortune tellers, face painters, mystics and
- 13 other artisans and food vendors. And they will be in
- 14 10-by-10 tents with overhead lighting. And that arts
- 15 and crafts festival is slated to run for six hours from
- 16 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. And all of the artwork must be hand
- 17 done by the artist and/or his or her immediate family
- 18 within the County of Maui.
- For the food booths, no open flames or
- 20 cooking will be permitted. And LahainaTown Action
- 21 Committee will insure that each of the noncommercial
- 22 vendors, which they all are, obtain appropriate Health
- 23 Department permits.
- From 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the main stage in
- 25 the Banyan Park, there will be an adult costume contest.

- 1 It's sponsored every year by Maui Tacos. They call it
- 2 the Great Halloween Costume Contest. There will be a
- 3 tent near the stage for registration of the contestant,
- 4 and then there will be ramps going up either side of the
- 5 stage for access to the stage. There will be a judging
- 6 of these contests, and the winner will be announced --
- 7 the winners will be announced at approximately
- 8 10:00 p.m.
- 9 There are also event souvenirs. There's a
- 10 booth set up in Banyon Tree Park and also in Campbell
- 11 Park. And event T-shirt sales and souvenirs will be
- 12 sold at both of those booths. So, the booth that's in
- 13 Banyon Tree Park will run for about six hours, and the
- 14 booth that is facing Front Street in Campbell Park will
- 15 run for about 12 hours, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.,
- 16 the date of the event.
- 17 The applicant has set up the event -- has
- 18 organized the event setup and breakdown. It appears
- 19 that it goes very smoothly. Nothing will be set up
- 20 prior to Monday, October 29th, and breakdown will be
- 21 complete by the end of the day on November 1st.
- They will be installing four light towers to
- 23 provide security lighting for the event, on Hotel
- 24 Street, on Wharf Street, Canal Street, near the Banyan
- 25 Park and on the Library Lawn. And those lights are

- 1 shown in one of your exhibits that was submitted by the
- 2 applicant.
- There will also be four portable toilets
- 4 located on the Library Lawn, the mauka side, and also
- 5 eight portable toilets will be located on Canal Street
- 6 facing the Banyon Tree Park. There will also be a
- 7 dumpster there for trash.
- 8 All the vendors will load and unload, and
- 9 they will be -- they will be doing this between 2:00 and
- 10 3:30 p.m. on the day of the event, and then they will be
- 11 either reloading after the event is over or they may
- 12 hand cart or hand carry their goods back to their
- 13 vehicles.
- 14 Stages will be set up prior to 3:30 p.m., on
- 15 October 31st, and all the breakdown and removal of the
- 16 stages will be done on November 1st. There will also be
- 17 approximately 300 chairs set up in front of the main
- 18 stage in Banyon Tree Park for the crowd to enjoy the
- 19 music.
- The Maui Police Department will provide
- 21 security for this event, and their headquarters will be
- 22 located at the Masters Reading Room next to Baldwin
- 23 House Museum at 120 Dickenson Street. And the applicant
- 24 is in contact with or will be in contact with all
- 25 emergency medical personnel to be advised of this

- 1 location and coordinated.
- Now, we have agency comments that were
- 3 received, but we also -- and we have some members of the
- 4 agencies here today. And at this time, due to time
- 5 constraints, I would like to ask Brian -- Brian, I am
- 6 sorry. I don't know your last name.
- 7 MR. HASHIRO: Hashiro.
- 8 MS. CALLENTINE: Hashiro, I would like to
- 9 ask him. Brian is from the Department of Public Works.
- 10 And with your permission, I would like to ask him to
- 11 speak now from the Department of Public Works' position.
- 12 MR. HASHIRO: Good morning, members. I
- 13 think we have two items of staff recommendation for the
- 14 Department of Public Works. One is for a permit, some
- 15 building permits for any structures, and the second was
- 16 regarding parking, I think that staff recommendation
- 17 number 13 or 15.
- 18 And we would like to recommend deletion of
- 19 that recommendation coming to us for parking. Other
- 20 than that, we have no further comments about it, and I
- 21 think it's a great event, and it should be out again.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Questions for Brian,
- 23 anyone? There was condition 13, I think.
- 24 MR. SOLAMILLO: Fifteen.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Fifteen.

- 1 MR. HASHIRO: Fifteen.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: And the major concern
- 3 was parking, but you guys have nothing to do with the
- 4 parking, right?
- 5 MR. HASHIRO: That's correct.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. If there's no
- 7 more questions for Brian, thank you very much.
- 8 MS. CALLENTINE: Now, we have some more
- 9 slides that were taken at various different times,
- 10 mostly, I think, from last year, some maybe from the
- 11 other years prior.
- So, we are going to go through these slides.
- 13 The issue and why this has come before you today is
- 14 because last year, the Planning Department received
- 15 three letters in September from members of our community
- 16 who are here today, I believe, and you have seen their
- 17 letters.
- 18 The Planning Department also met with
- 19 members of the community groups who were opposed to this
- 20 event, and their main concerns expressed were that this
- 21 event has nothing to do with promoting the history of
- 22 Lahaina, and that attendees are generally disrespectful
- 23 of the Hawaiian culture, and that there is nudity, and
- 24 use of illegal drugs, and overconsumption of alcohol at
- 25 the event.

- 1 And so the request from these members of the
- 2 community was that the event be shut down, and that the
- 3 County of Maui deny approval of the annual event.
- 4 So, we are going to walk through the slides,
- 5 and you are going to see some of the costumes and some
- 6 of the -- well, you can judge for yourselves. So, the
- 7 adult event is not an organized parade as such. It's
- 8 not -- my observation was the adults kind of wander
- 9 through the streets, and hang out in Banyon Tree Park,
- 10 and hang out at the Library Lawn, listen to music, go to
- 11 the restaurants, go to the bars. There is not an
- 12 organized parade.
- Now, this is the logo that LahainaTown
- 14 Action Committee used in 2004, which was found to be
- 15 offensive by members of the kanaka maoli community. And
- 16 this issue was raised with LahainaTown Action Committee.
- 17 And this slide says that this was withdrawn by the
- 18 applicant in 2004. But I am not aware that this was not
- 19 actually sold on the T-shirts.
- Stan, can you clarify that?
- 21 MR. SOLAMILLO: I might have been mistaken.
- 22 I was told by one informant that the T-shirts that year
- 23 had been withdrawn by the applicant for sale. I don't
- 24 know what happened in 2005 or 2006.
- 25 MS. CALLENTINE: Okay. So, next slide. We

- 1 are just going to go through some of the slides and let
- 2 you see some of the costumes. So, there were -- these
- 3 are just quotes that were from various different web
- 4 sites and newspapers.
- 5 Between 20 and 30,000 revelers known as the
- 6 Mardi Gras of the Pacific. That's one of the -- that's
- 7 one of the issues or one of ways in which the applicant
- 8 has proposed to mitigate the impact is to eliminate the
- 9 use of the word Mardi Gras and to simply refer to it as
- 10 Halloween in Lahaina, rather than trying to make it
- 11 something that it's not. It's not Carnival in Rio, as
- 12 is quoted there. It's Halloween in Lahaina.
- 13 Next slight slide, please. That's your last
- 14 one? So, that is our last slide.
- 15 Okay. As far as our recommendation goes or
- 16 our analysis goes, just to go over -- actually, agency
- 17 comments first. The application was transmitted to the
- 18 Police Department, and a response was received from the
- 19 Police Department.
- 20 And the response from the Police Department
- 21 consists of -- the police this year had comments that
- 22 they had not yet received any requests for road
- 23 closures, but they did anticipate receiving such a
- 24 request. So, they essentially are only -- have only
- 25 reviewed -- in this June 9th memo, the police have only

- 1 reviewed the issue of erecting temporary tents and
- 2 booths.
- They haven't talked about the road closure.
- 4 In years past, they have, and that is actually -- the
- 5 comments that they made last year, when we transmitted
- 6 the community letters to them, are in your report. And
- 7 those are -- and those, at the time, consisted of -- the
- 8 comments from the police last year were that only one
- 9 person was -- well, first of all, let me back up.
- They gave, as a background to this event,
- 11 that Front Street was closed as an emergency measure
- 12 back in the '80s, because the amount of people occupying
- 13 Front Street at the time overwhelmed their ability to
- 14 safely control vehicles and pedestrian traffic with the
- 15 number of officers generally assigned to Lahaina, which
- 16 I believe I was told was approximately five officers.
- 17 Since then, the event has evolved to a point
- 18 where people come to Lahaina, with or without an
- 19 organized event, and the police have to deal with the
- 20 crowds. Last year, only one person was arrested for
- 21 indecent exposure. There was little open alcohol
- 22 consumption in the public, although they are concerned
- 23 about overconsumption and are certainly on the lookout
- 24 for that.
- They had no reports of open drug use last

- 1 year, and they believe the heavy police presence may
- 2 have had an impact in this area. And the other comment
- 3 that they made was that the rubbish was taken care of
- 4 during and after the event. And the police generally
- 5 felt without -- with or without a permit or a formal
- 6 organization, people would come to Lahaina for this
- 7 event.
- 8 And with the permit, the police are allowed
- 9 to assign or they are more likely to be able to assign
- 10 80 to 90 officers to control it. And they may not be
- 11 able to assign those officers if they -- if the event is
- 12 not permitted.
- There are members of the Police Department
- 14 here today, and if they have any additional comments
- 15 that you would like to hear, Commissioners, I am sure
- 16 they would be more than happy to add if there's anything
- 17 else you need to know from them.
- We did not receive a response to our request
- 19 from the Department of Fire and Public Safety, and there
- 20 were members of the Fire Department here earlier, but
- 21 they had to leave to go fight a fire.
- The Health Department had no comments. They
- 23 responded, and that was in your supplemental memorandum
- 24 today.
- So, based on the aforementioned, the

- 1 Department has analyzed this project and has the
- 2 following to say.
- 3 A comparably-scoped event was operated
- 4 successfully and without major incidents for more than
- 5 10 years. The Department has record of Halloween events
- 6 with similar scopes dating back to 1989 at least. The
- 7 event has become a major attraction to residents and
- 8 visitors alike, and some of them plan years in advance
- 9 to attend.
- The event draws estimated crowds between 20
- 11 and 30,000, and the vendors estimate that their revenue
- 12 goes up -- is three times what they -- a normal daily
- 13 revenue is. So, they are very, very dependent on this
- 14 event.
- 15 It should be noted the original idea to
- 16 close off Front Street was based on concerns about
- 17 public safety, which were brought to our attention by
- 18 the Police Department, who felt that the large number of
- 19 crowds of pedestrians intermingling with vehicle traffic
- 20 was a major safety issue.
- 21 And for last year's event, the LahainaTown
- 22 Action Committee attempted to address or mitigate the
- 23 concerns that had been expressed. They dropped, for
- 24 example, the title Mardi Gras from the -- the word Mardi
- 25 Gras of the Pacific from the title. And the Planning

- 1 Department feels that this is a better approach to
- 2 pursue rather than shutting down the event entirely.
- 3 If the Commission does choose to deny the
- 4 request, it is likely that hopeful participants will
- 5 arrive anyway, and the event will be an uncontrolled
- 6 event rather than a controlled event. And that
- 7 concludes the staff's report.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Commissioners,
- 9 questions? For staff or the staff, do you have
- 10 applicants that -- the applicants here?
- 11 MS. CALLENTINE: Yes, we do. The president
- 12 of the LahainaTown Action Committee, Mr. Jerry Kunitomo,
- 13 is here today. Would you like to address him?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: I just want to ask the
- 15 Commissioners if they have any questions for you.
- 16 COMMISSIONER KAPU: I guess one of the
- 17 recommendations from the County was on page eight of our
- 18 handout. Well, actually, it's like page -- the fourth
- 19 page. And it talks about 80 officers. Eighty police
- 20 officers at whose cost?
- 21 MS. CALLENTINE: Can I can ask the
- 22 representative from the Police Department to answer that
- 23 question?
- 24 OFFICER KAUHA'AHA'A: County, the County's
- 25 cost.

- 1 COMMISSIONER KAPU: The County's cost.
- 2 Okay. My other question is the County is named as an
- 3 indem -- additional named insured insuring and defending
- 4 the applicant and the County of Maui, yeah?
- 5 MS. CALLENTINE: Yes.
- 6 COMMISSIONER KAPU: So, whose event is this?
- 7 MS. CALLENTINE: The event sponsor is the
- 8 LahainaTown Action Committee. I was just informed,
- 9 before this meeting started, that the Rotary Club of
- 10 Lahaina and the Soroptimists are actually the sponsors
- 11 of the children's parade. Soroptimists.
- 12 Okay. And you are representing them today?
- 13 MS. McKELVY: I beg your pardon?
- MS. CALLENTINE: Are you representing them
- 15 today?
- 16 MS. McKELVY: No, in the past.
- 17 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Okay. I just wanted to
- 18 get a grasp pertaining to the questions I ask. So, the
- 19 County pays for the 80 officers to patrol the Lahaina
- 20 Halloween Festival. That was my question.
- 21 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: I have a guestion.
- 22 I have a question. So, the reason for these
- 23 recommendations, is it because that prior -- previous
- 24 Halloween activities, a lot of this was not complied
- 25 with?

- 1 I mean, for example, food permits, you know,
- 2 all of these permits. I mean, was it because they did
- 3 not apply for these permits prior but they continued to
- 4 have these events?
- 5 MS. CALLENTINE: I am -- I am not sure how
- 6 each one of the individual components of the permitting
- 7 came to be or rather how it -- whether they were
- 8 complied with or not.
- 9 I processed the application last year and
- 10 then this year. So, I'm actually -- I can't speak to
- 11 the details of the history of it. As far as I know,
- 12 based on the agency comments that I have read and the
- 13 feedback that I have gotten from agencies when speaking
- 14 with them, in at least the last two years, all the
- 15 conditions have been complied with and there have been
- 16 no complaints. We have received no complaint about the
- 17 conditions not being complied with.
- 18 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: So, actually, some
- 19 of the questions that we have should be asked of the
- 20 coordinators of the event, right?
- 21 MS. CALLENTINE: Probably, yes.
- 22 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: Because I assume
- 23 that the County -- the LahainaTown Action Committee, do
- 24 they get a grant or -- to -- and with all these food
- 25 concession booths, I'm sure -- I mean, is there a charge

- 1 for them to sell, you know, to have a space to sell
- 2 their food? And how is that transaction going -- I
- 3 mean, what is the process on that?
- 4 MR. KUNITOMO: We can tell you.
- 5 MS. CALLENTINE: I think we need to ask --
- 6 we are going to let the applicant answer that.
- 7 MR. KUNITOMO: Were there other questions?
- 8 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: No.
- 9 MR. KUNITOMO: We can answer in our
- 10 presentation.
- 11 Thank you, Commissioners, for coming out to
- 12 Lahaina, and thank you all Lahaina community for coming
- 13 out today. My name is Jerry Kunimoto. I just stepped
- 14 into the board presidency in May, and I was asked to do
- 15 this presentation.
- This is my first year on the Board, so,
- 17 fortunately, I have Theo Morrison, who has been with the
- 18 organization for a long time, and I am going to ask her
- 19 to detail the history, and then I will give a snapshot
- 20 of the current date.
- 21 MS. MORRISON: Okay. Good morning, and
- 22 thank you for coming to Lahaina. I apologize for your
- 23 accommodations here. Next time, please call me. I run
- 24 the Malu'uluolele Cultural Center across the street.
- 25 It's a very large public space available any time for

- 1 you. And, as another note, I was executive director of
- 2 LahainaTown Action Committee for 15 years, and at one of
- 3 the Cultural Resource Commission Hearings several years
- 4 ago, the Cultural Resource Commission agreed to come to
- 5 Lahaina at least three times a year. So, thank you for
- 6 coming.
- 7 First of all, I am the former executive
- 8 director of the LahainaTown Action Committee. I guit in
- 9 2005. I was hired in 1991. LahainaTown Action
- 10 Committee received a permit for Halloween in 1990.
- 11 Prior to that, it was just a wild event.
- The street was not closed. There was no
- 13 porta-potties. There was no trash pickup. It was very
- 14 gruff. And the police, at that point in time, wanted to
- 15 close the event.
- 16 LahainaTown Action Committee went to the
- 17 Police Department, worked with the Police Department,
- 18 and said how can we solve this? How can we make this
- 19 better? And the Police Department agreed to close the
- 20 street. LahainaTown Action Committee started the first
- 21 costume contest, and that's how the event as you know it
- 22 today was born.
- 23 LahainaTown Action Committee pays for all
- 24 the expenses, with the exception of the police, in
- 25 related to Halloween. And the reason LahainaTown Action

- 1 Committee does not pay for the police, because
- 2 LahainaTown Action Committee did not invent Halloween in
- 3 Lahaina. It was there. It was a problem that
- 4 LahainaTown Action Committee came in and helped manage.
- 5 Last night, with the Rotary Club, we did the
- 6 4th of July fireworks in Lahaina. The Rotary Club paid
- 7 for the police. Taste of Lahaina, which is done by
- 8 LahainaTown Action Committee, LahainaTown Action
- 9 Committee pays for the police. Kamehameha Day, Chinese
- 10 New Year, every event that the LahainaTown Action
- 11 Committee or any other organization starts that needs
- 12 police protection is paid for. Those costs are paid for
- 13 by an event.
- 14 However, like we said, like has been
- 15 mentioned before by the Police Department, with or
- 16 without this permit, those people are going to come.
- 17 So, the permit is actually the solution to the
- 18 complaints that -- the complaints that have been -- that
- 19 are -- that have been spoken.
- So, we, LahainaTown Action Committee, spends
- 21 approximately \$10,000 to produce this event. This event
- 22 is a very good event for Lahaina Town merchants.
- 23 LahainaTown Action Committee is basically a very --
- 24 funded by merchant members. We do things to promote the
- 25 merchants and the business vitality of Lahaina. It's

- 1 also been ongoing for quite a number of years.
- We have -- over those years, we've worked
- 3 with the Police Department again on the different
- 4 activities that happen. We moved the costume contest
- 5 from Campbell Park where it was at one point in time, at
- 6 the request of the Police Department, to Banyon Tree
- 7 Park. We moved the food booths off of Front Street at
- 8 the request of the Police Department to Banyon Tree
- 9 Park.
- We brought in the light towers at the cost
- 11 of -- I don't know -- 5 or \$600, because we saw -- we
- 12 saw dark areas in town, and we wanted to light those
- 13 areas up.
- By bringing in the different music, by
- 15 bringing in the porta-potties, which were not there
- 16 before either, we've really helped to manage the event.
- 17 The staff -- myself when I was doing this for 15 years,
- 18 plus my staff, we were on that street from 6:30 in the
- 19 morning till 2:00 o'clock the next morning.
- 20 And I would come back at 7:00 o'clock, a
- 21 couple hours sleep later, to clean up any trash that was
- 22 left. And there is not a merchant in the town that will
- 23 complain about trash on the street the following day,
- 24 because we made absolutely sure. We filled an entire
- 25 roll-off dumpster with trash.

- 1 We had people picking up trash all night
- 2 long from 50 trash cans that we set out in addition to
- 3 the 30 that are already out there.
- 4 I feel LahainaTown Action Committee deserves
- 5 a tremendous amount of, you know, mahalo for this
- 6 tremendous amount of work that they do to manage this
- 7 event, which could really turn -- could have turned bad,
- 8 and it's really been managed. Maybe there's more we can
- 9 do. We would be happy to do more.
- 10 I am sorry. I always say we. I am not
- 11 there anymore. But anyway, LahainaTown Action Committee
- 12 would do more. It is the intent of LahainaTown Action
- 13 Committee to create a safe and fun event in town.
- 14 And I would also like to clarify that
- 15 Kamehameha Iki Park is not on the LahainaTown Action
- 16 Committee permit, although perhaps -- I didn't do this
- 17 particular request right here. That part of the keiki
- 18 parade is definitely not part of LahainaTown Action
- 19 Committee's permit. If there was some mistake, I don't
- 20 know, but that was never part of our event.
- So, there was also an issue with a video, a
- 22 very, very horrid video that was shown on Akaku. This
- 23 was nothing -- this was not a video that LAC promoted or
- 24 LAC did. I, in fact -- during my time there, I called
- 25 up Akaku and complained about that video, or I wrote

- 1 them a letter I guess. They didn't do anything.
- 2 Freedom of speech.
- 3 Last year the LahainaTown Action Committee
- 4 actually created a new video that really promotes the
- 5 event, what the event is. That particular video that
- 6 was shown on Akaku, they went out of their way to look
- 7 at, you know, the bad things. Anybody could do that.
- 8 You could walk down Front Street today and find many of
- 9 those things.
- That was not something we ever supported,
- 11 but it was not something we could do anything about
- 12 until we presented them with an additional video. So,
- 13 in all my years, 15 years of a very, very long night on
- 14 that street, I can tell you that our entire -- and we
- 15 work closely with the Police Department. Absolutely.
- 16 They came to all our meetings. We discussed things.
- 17 A couple -- I don't know how many years ago,
- 18 three or four years ago, they wanted to reopen the
- 19 street earlier. They asked us to close our stages at
- 20 11:00. We did close our stages at 11:00.
- 21 And the other thing I should mention is
- 22 because of these stages, people could come to town and
- 23 dance and celebrate not in a bar, not with alcohol.
- 24 There was no alcohol in the street, and we made sure as
- 25 well as the police made sure that that wasn't happening.

- 1 So, we provided outlets for people to have a
- 2 festive event without being in an alcohol-type
- 3 situation. So, like I said, it's been a long tradition.
- 4 It started in the '60s. It's a fabulous event. We work
- 5 really, really, really hard to make sure that it's the
- 6 best it can be. If there's more that LahainaTown Action
- 7 Committee can do to do that, we would be absolutely
- 8 thrilled to do that. Any other questions?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: No questions. Thank
- 10 you. Thank you.
- 11 MR. KUNITOMO: Thank you. Okay. I am going
- 12 to probably start my presentation part by doing only
- 13 what I know how. A lot of my teachers are here, and I
- 14 need to do a little bit of cleansing.
- 15 I have been working really, really
- 16 closely -- even if I didn't sit on the Board, I have
- 17 been a part of pretty much every single event
- 18 LahainaTown Action Committee has done. And fujin teele,
- 19 whatever you want to call it, but I have seen pretty
- 20 much every artwork, every coordination, pretty much all
- 21 the planning of almost every event since I have been
- 22 here for 14 years. And the process goes, you know,
- 23 according to an agenda.
- And although, at the time I was the
- 25 President of Friends of Moku'ula -- we had just

- 1 co-founded a cultural event like Festival of Canoes --
- 2 when she presented me that very controversial image as
- 3 Ichabod Crane, I have to be honest. I had a chance to
- 4 shoot it down. I did. But, you know, I never realized
- 5 the yellow malo. I never realized a lot of this stuff.
- 6 And I wanted to start my presentation by
- 7 saying that, you know, I apologize for being a part of
- 8 that process and all the hakaka that it raised. But
- 9 having worked with Theo for that long a time, and the
- 10 amount of energy that she spent for making Lahaina a
- 11 better place, it's really unfortunate that black eye
- 12 still shows up. But, you know, I wanted to say to the
- 13 Commission, I, too, had an opportunity to shoot that
- 14 down.
- 15 The other issue is on the Halloween video
- 16 that Theo talked about. We have filmed another piece, a
- 17 24-minute piece last year funded by LahainaTown Action
- 18 Committee. That was the doing of Karee Carlucci and her
- 19 team. I just ran it by Na Kupuna and some individuals
- 20 from that group. I just asked Auntie Patty if she felt
- 21 that I should forward that to Akaku, and she said to go
- 22 ahead. That it would be a lot more positive than what's
- 23 in there now.
- So, we will do everything that we can to
- 25 clean that image up in the public access free forum. As

- 1 much as LAC can, we will.
- 2 All right. The first point I wanted to
- 3 raise, and it's restatement, that Halloween is the one
- 4 and only event that LahainaTown Action Committee did not
- 5 invent or create. It was around when LAC was formed,
- 6 and LAC merely stepped in to facilitate or expedite a
- 7 safer environment.
- 8 There's a misperception that this is a
- 9 fundraiser. That's not why LAC does this. It's to
- 10 serve its membership to create a safer environment. In
- 11 order to do this, LAC coordinates, with just basically
- 12 all segments of the community, and a lot of them are
- 13 here. Some of them had to go race off to a fire, but
- 14 everybody steps in.
- 15 First off is the Soroptimists and the Rotary
- 16 with the keiki parade. It's their parade. LAC
- 17 facilities the time zone. We coordinate with the
- 18 police. We try and create time zones that are children
- 19 friendly, and thereafter, more adult friendly.
- 20 And I think because you can be proactive in
- 21 creating synergistic components, those components help
- 22 to identify and make those that break -- you know, that
- 23 may be inappropriate stand out. And I think that if you
- 24 were to evaluate costumes that are typical, I think the
- 25 ones we are talking about are really isolated or in the

- 1 minority. And for the most part, the programs are
- 2 successful in that regard as establishing the type of
- 3 environment.
- 4 The costume contest that LAC puts on, again,
- 5 to create an environment that draws people off the
- 6 street, so that they are not marching up and down the
- 7 street doing nothing, looking for trouble. There is
- 8 actually someplace they can go and have fun.
- 9 And over the years, what we have found is we
- 10 didn't want anything to -- you know, we were schooled by
- 11 the police. Every year we review the event. And one of
- 12 the things was we didn't want stations set up on Front
- 13 Street. Some costumes come with stations, where they
- 14 plant themselves and do that kind of stuff.
- 15 And about five years ago, it was one of the
- 16 focuses was none of that. Everything is free flowing
- 17 like a current on the street. And this helped to
- 18 facilitate that by having the stages off the street.
- And again, to restate what Theo said, the
- 20 music stages, under the Banyon Tree, helped to give
- 21 families the opportunity to enjoy the event with their
- 22 costumes, singing and dancing and so on, and they don't
- 23 have to be in a bar. They don't have to be around
- 24 alcohol. They don't have to even -- you know, they
- 25 don't have the money to go into a restaurant. They

- 1 don't even have to do that. And I think that
- 2 accomplishes that very, very well.
- 3 I think the food booths under the tree last
- 4 year was kalua pig and that kind of stuff. The Tennis
- 5 Club and a lot of different community organizations
- 6 again lends the whole community local aspect, where you
- 7 see people you know, and there's a lot of locals because
- 8 of the keiki parade and so on, you know, hungry, and
- 9 that's where they kind of hang out is under the tree.
- 10 And I think that creates a tradition where
- 11 local families get together and see everybody. And I
- 12 think the phenomena is every year you go, the kids are
- 13 taller and grown up. And I personally have two boys
- 14 that we have been doing that every year, and cannot
- 15 recognize the kids anymore.
- The other part is me as a merchant, you
- 17 know, owning my restaurant and watching from the outside
- 18 and participating from the outside, it is amazing to see
- 19 that many people on the street in a safe environment
- 20 where the police have continually increased their
- 21 presence and made a positive impact each and every year.
- 22 And I'm sure the statistics should support that.
- But they got better. There was one year
- 24 where I noticed all the police were lined up on the
- 25 sidewalk, and all the tall haole people, you couldn't

- 1 see past. So, the surveillance wasn't that great.
- 2 So, I talked to George Takeuchi, and we used
- 3 the top of his building, so you -- from there, you could
- 4 see from all the way down from the Hard Rock to the
- 5 Banyon Tree. And it created a perspective where they
- 6 could see one guy had a dog, or that guy had a bottle,
- 7 or that kind of thing.
- 8 And it's that type of partnership where
- 9 every year we evaluate, and we get together with the
- 10 Fire and the Police and we evaluate. I think that again
- 11 creates a safer and more positive environment. And to
- 12 restate the partnership, we bring in the Fire -- the
- 13 representatives from the Fire, the Liquor and the
- 14 Police, and we call all the restaurants and merchants
- 15 that are open that night, so that they can hear from
- 16 those representatives what the laws are and what the
- 17 rules are. And that there's no excuses. Everybody
- 18 plays by the same rules.
- And I think again, statistically, if you
- 20 look into that, that partnership is working out very
- 21 well.
- 22 Restating the position of LAC though, LAC
- 23 purely functions as a service that facilitates the event
- 24 for its members and for the community. And it goes
- 25 without saying that I think that LAC and its members

- 1 feel that it's a very, very positive environment.
- 2 There are issues that, you know, come up and
- 3 could be severe, but I think they are in the minority.
- 4 And I think for the amount of bodies that are coming
- 5 together, I think LAC functions very well, and I think
- 6 its partners do a real good job. Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Questions for
- 8 Jerry? No questions. Thank you very much, Jerry.
- 9 Jerry was here for the applicant. We will now open the
- 10 floor for public testimonies on this agenda item.
- 11 Okay. Okay. Joan McKelvey. Following
- 12 Joan, we have Donna.
- 13 MS. McKELVY: I am pretty much following
- 14 what Theo and Jerry -- excuse me. My name is Joan
- 15 McKelvey. And I'm a business owner in Lahaina.
- Approximately in 1989, I think, was the last
- 17 year before we had the road closed, and I was standing
- 18 on the corner of Lahainaluna and Front Street, and all
- 19 of a sudden what's his name, who was the incoming
- 20 president of LAC -- what's his name, Theo?
- 21 David Allaire. David Allaire. And he said,
- 22 Joan, we've got to get this thing in order. We have got
- 23 to get it corralled. It's getting out of hand, and it
- 24 was. Cars were up and down the street. There were
- 25 children stacked in the cars. How there was never an

- 1 accident, I will never know.
- 2 And, so, LAC took it under their wing, and
- 3 they did corral it. We were able to have a -- first of
- 4 all, it was back in the Library on the Front Street side
- 5 and then Campbell Park. We had our first prize winning
- 6 events for the participants, and then followed the Wharf
- 7 Cinema Center, and Kimo's, and Longhi's, and the Pioneer
- 8 Inn, and each all had contests. And that, in itself,
- 9 spread the whole event out also.
- 10 And then, of course, LAC moved to Banyon
- 11 Tree Park, and it couldn't be better. It couldn't be
- 12 better. The police cooperate, the firemen cooperate,
- 13 everybody cooperates. The businesses cooperate. And
- 14 it's a wonderful event, wonderful event for the
- 15 community. Mahalo.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you, Joan.
- 17 Questions? Okay. Thank you. Donna Soares. After
- 18 Donna, we have Jil Killett.
- 19 MS. SOARES: Hi, it's no longer good
- 20 morning, so it's good afternoon. I guess we've all
- 21 (inaudible).
- My name is Donna Soares, and I am the
- 23 general manager for the Wharf Cinema Center, and also I
- 24 am on the Executive Committee for the Lahaina
- 25 Restoration Foundation.

- 1 I am a little younger than Joan but a little
- 2 older than Jerry, and Halloween actually kind of started
- 3 as a party in Lahaina. And as a matter of fact, it was
- 4 an offshoot from the Blue Max, and I don't know how many
- 5 of you -- I think most of you are too young to remember
- 6 the Blue Max, which is now Jerry's establishment, BJ's.
- 7 And at that time, it was owned and operated
- 8 by Sharon Lawrence. And how it started is her costume
- 9 parties simply flowed and spilled over into the street.
- 10 And Sam, I see you nodding. I think you were probably
- 11 at the party.
- The Wharf then joined in, and we extended
- 13 the party to the 600 Block, and we started our infamous
- 14 Halloween costume/karaoke contest, and that was some 23
- 15 years ago. As a matter of fact, this Halloween will be
- 16 our 24th year.
- 17 Halloween grew, and we all realized that an
- 18 entity was needed to come in and help organize this
- 19 event. And this was before this event would eventually
- 20 just die or go by the wayside or have to be stopped.
- So, through the efforts of the LahainaTown
- 22 Action Committee, we were able to work with the Police
- 23 Department to close Front Street, which provided for a
- 24 much safer environment and has saved damage and
- 25 vandalism to most of the Lahaina properties. And I am

- 1 speaking on behalf of not just the Wharf and Lahaina
- 2 Restoration Foundation when it comes to that.
- 3 LAC has assisted with the funds. They
- 4 provide additional lighting, stage entertainment. And
- 5 very important to any gathering, as we all know, because
- 6 we have all done luaus, or parties, and weddings, et
- 7 cetera, they took on the responsibility of picking up
- 8 the trash and cleaning up the town, so that the morning
- 9 after Halloween, the town was spotless.
- 10 LahainaTown Action Committee has taken on
- 11 responsibility that not too many other organizations
- 12 would be willing to do. They have partnered with us,
- 13 the merchants, and with the restaurants, assisted with
- 14 the -- actually assisted the Soroptimists with their
- 15 parade, they have handled the media, and I think created
- 16 an overall fun and safe event.
- 17 Halloween -- ladies and gentlemen, Halloween
- 18 is not going to stop if the permit is not issued. As a
- 19 matter of fact, I think it's going to be a real mess.
- 20 So, if LahainaTown Action Committee is willing to
- 21 continue to take on this responsibility and to continue
- 22 to sponsor this event, I urge all of you to please
- 23 support them. Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you. Any
- 25 questions for Donna? No? Thank you, Donna. Okay.

- 1 Jim. Following Jim is Becky Lennon.
- 2 MR. KILLETT: I am Jim Killett. I have
- 3 lived here 31 years just a few blocks away. And I've
- 4 experienced many, many Halloweens. I am amazed at how
- 5 well behaved a huge, huge number of people can be up and
- 6 down the street.
- 7 And yes, it's excited. Yes, it's fun. Yes,
- 8 there's nudity. But you can't let a few people spoil
- 9 the fun of the great majority. And I'm talking about
- 10 the huge, huge majority of the people that are there
- 11 behaving themselves and having a good time responsibly.
- 12 And my neighborhood is just terrific with
- 13 all the things that they do on Halloween. You know, the
- 14 good part outweighs the bad. And I even liked it when
- 15 the cars were driving down the street. I thought that
- 16 was great. People in there having a good time. But
- 17 that worked, but it did need to be changed, and I
- 18 applaud LahainaTown Action Committee for doing this.
- 19 And I will say as Donna said. They are
- 20 going to have it. It's going to happen. You can not
- 21 close the streets. You can not invite the police, but
- 22 this thing is going to happen. You cannot stop it. And
- 23 it is not Hawaiian. There is nothing Hawaiian about it.
- 24 I am sorry about that.
- 25 It is here. It happening. It is wonderful,

- 1 and their are other Hawaiian things that we can focus on
- 2 that are great. And, you know, if there's nudity in the
- 3 celebration, there's the nudist parade that I have seen.
- 4 There might be some rowdy behavior, but it's going on,
- 5 and I certainly support that.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Thank you, Jim.
- 7 Becky. Becky Lennon followed by Shawny.
- 8 MS. LENNON: Good morning. I am Becky
- 9 Lennon. And again, thank you so much for bringing this
- 10 meeting to Lahaina. It helps us so much, especially
- 11 with the fires and being able to safely get to and from
- 12 the other side of the island.
- 13 I am from the Pioneer Inn, so a merchant
- 14 here in Lahaina, and would like to say that we
- 15 appreciate greatly that it is a controlled event. That
- 16 LahainaTown Action Committee does bring the Fire
- 17 Department, the Liquor Control Board, the police, and
- 18 they meet with us ahead of time and make suggestions,
- 19 give the rules and regulations.
- 20 They control -- the Liquor Department
- 21 controls the nudity, the lude-ness. We cannot let them
- 22 in our establishment, and they make that very
- 23 well-known. The police control the security on the
- 24 street. The Fire Department makes us aware of exits,
- 25 the things we need to be watching for as we are

- 1 modifying and getting ready for these crowds.
- 2 So, without them, you would have a lot of
- 3 restaurants and bars in Lahaina that would be out there
- 4 on their own just sort of winging it with three times
- 5 the normal crowd that walks in their door.
- 6 So, I just say great, great applause to
- 7 LahainaTown Action Committee also for providing
- 8 something for the families and the young people, the 14
- 9 to 20 years olds. They can be out dancing on the street
- 10 and not trying to sneak into the bars, which is where
- 11 they would be. I mean, they are not going to be at home
- 12 on Halloween night. They are going to be out doing
- 13 something.
- So, let's keep it controlled. Let's keep it
- 15 safe. Let's make it a happy, fun event for everyone.
- 16 And if there are still concerns, let's look for a
- 17 compromise. Let's figure out a way to get the bad
- 18 behavior and the nudity off the street that is the
- 19 minority. But let's figure a way to make it work.
- 20 Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you. Shawny
- 22 Labrador followed by Jil Holley.
- 23 MS. LABRADOR: Shawny Labrador. I'm a
- 24 merchant/owner in Lahaina. We have a very small family
- 25 owned take-out restaurant. We don't serve any alcohol.

- 1 We look forward every year. I'm not going to lie to
- 2 you. Our revenues increase on that night.
- We do our best where we are located in
- 4 Lahaina Marketplace. We do hire at our expense extra
- 5 security guards to patrol the area. The back area is
- 6 blocked off from public access to cut down on vandalism.
- 7 And I'm basically here just to support
- 8 Lahaina Action Committee. I don't think they meant any
- 9 offense to certain groups, and I'm sure that they will
- 10 do everything in their power to rectify whatever offense
- 11 was taken. Thank you.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you. Jil
- 13 followed by John.
- MS. HOLLEY: Hi, everyone. I am Jil Holley,
- 15 and I am with Hard Rock Cafe. And actually, when I
- 16 signed the list, I didn't realize I was signing up to
- 17 speak. I thought it was an attendance roster.
- So, I apologize for that. I'm new to the
- 19 community, so I don't really want to speak about the
- 20 event. I don't want to have to -- but I do want to say
- 21 that as far as when an event does come to a community,
- 22 invited or not, it's wonderful to have event management.
- 23 And again, I am sorry I didn't know that I was signing
- 24 up to speak.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you.

- 1 MR. COTE: Aloha, John Cote. I am a
- 2 business owner here on the West side, and I am also a
- 3 member of the LahainaTown Action Committee and a Board
- 4 member. I don't know if any of you were over here for
- 5 4th of July last night, but another wonderfully
- 6 organized event by the Police Department, by the Rotary
- 7 Club, Sunrise, and it was just an amazing event.
- 8 And it's another in the long list of
- 9 wonderful things that LahainaTown Action Committee and
- 10 the people of Lahaina put on. Halloween, it's almost --
- 11 it's -- we got to have Halloween. You can't not have
- 12 Halloween. I mean, it's like not having Christmas here
- 13 in Lahaina.
- 14 The police do an amazing job. Their
- 15 presence keeps everything pretty much in line. I have
- 16 been going for 10 years. I have assisted, supported.
- 17 Not a heck of a lot of negativity at all that goes on.
- 18 You are going to find some in anything. It doesn't
- 19 matter what it is.
- 20 But I thank you for coming over. I thank
- 21 you so much for listening to us all, and I certainly
- 22 hope you support our keeping this event going. Thank
- 23 you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you. Okay.
- 25 J.J. followed by Uilani and Kyle Farm.

- 1 MR. ELKIN: Thank you. My name is J.J.
- 2 Elkin from 505 Front Street. And I am also a member of
- 3 LahainaTown Action Committee on the Board.
- 4 You hear and you have heard all the positive
- 5 things about Halloween. I would just like to address
- 6 myself to the people who object to Halloween. A number
- 7 of years ago, I was in Geneva, Switzerland, in a major
- 8 bank, and I met the bank manager.
- 9 And he said where are you from? And I
- 10 said -- I said Hawaii. Oh, a smile came across his
- 11 face, Hawaii. He said my wife and I were there on our
- 12 honeymoon 14 years ago. And he told me his story.
- He is a big fat New York Jew (inaudible),
- 14 and he married a tall thin Catholic Chinese lady. And
- 15 those two, whenever they appear anywhere, people look at
- 16 them. They have a problem. He said when we went on our
- 17 honeymoon to Hawaii, he said, it was amazing. Nobody
- 18 looked at us. He said it was so fantastic. We
- 19 immediately, on our honeymoon, bought two lots of land.
- 20 We plan to retire there. We haven't been back in 14
- 21 years. What's going on?
- What was the point? The point is that
- 23 Hawaii has an image around the world as a tolerant
- 24 society. It doesn't matter what religion you are. It
- 25 doesn't matter what your race is. Everybody is tolerant

- 1 here.
- 2 And when we think of Lahaina, yes, we think
- 3 of it, and we have to restore the Hawaiian-ness of
- 4 Lahaina, but it's also the era of the plantation, which
- 5 was perhaps not the best time for the Hawaiians.
- There are all different types of people here
- 7 with all different types of traditions. So, I say to
- 8 the people who object to Halloween, be like me. I
- 9 confess. I don't come down to Hawaii -- to Lahaina
- 10 except to see whether our place is burnt down. I don't
- 11 come here and dress up. But, so many people enjoy it,
- 12 let's be tolerant of them.
- Two years ago, on New Year's Eve, because of
- 14 celebrations of New Year's Eve, they put fire crackers
- 15 on our roof, and they almost burnt down 505 Front
- 16 Street. Now, obviously, I'm not terribly happy about
- 17 that, but because of the a few idiots, that's no reason
- 18 not to celebrate New Year's Eve.
- 19 So, if there are problems, fine. But let us
- 20 remember something we can all be very proud of, and that
- 21 is Lahaina is not only the great place of the Hawaiian
- 22 culture, but it's also a place of great tolerance.
- 23 Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you. Uilani
- 25 followed by Kyle Farm.

- 1 MS. KAPU: Hello. My name is Uilani Kapu.
- 2 Pardon my back. I am one of those that sent you a
- 3 letter, as you guys noticed, in regards to shutting this
- 4 down. There's a lot of reasons and concerns on it.
- 5 It's not a Hawaiian issue. It's a safety factor issue.
- 6 It's a permitting factor issue. It's a bunch of things.
- 7 I did sit in a meeting where Jerry brought
- 8 up the concerns. I recommended shutting it down at
- 9 10:00. I recommended taking down Mardi Gras, Block
- 10 Party, all of that kind of stuff. Taking it off the
- 11 website. If it's so big, why do we have to advertise it
- 12 out there? Why can't we just have it for us?
- 13 Why do we have to have all these bunch of
- 14 people coming from all over the place who don't
- 15 understand our lifestyle, our ways, desecrating it and
- 16 ruining it for us.
- 17 I know there is no way of shutting it down.
- 18 I am willing to work with it. I am having a hard time
- 19 with it, because we don't need it. It was once a
- 20 child's Halloween. They don't even go trick or treating
- 21 around their own neighborhoods anymore. That has been
- 22 taken away, because you gave them another place to roam,
- 23 to see all the adult stuff that they don't have to see,
- 24 and they shouldn't be subjected to it. But that's where
- 25 they end up. They end up down here.

- 1 They don't even -- they are here after
- 2 curfew. We have a curfew in this town that should be
- 3 abided by. But the parents are on the streets, and the
- 4 kids are going to be on the streets. So, are we setting
- 5 a good example for our youths? No, we are not.
- 6 And that's why I am here. I am worried
- 7 about our future. I'm not here because of me. I'm
- 8 worried about our future and what we are subjecting them
- 9 to.
- 10 I am tired of them -- I am tired our youths
- 11 being locked up. I am tired of our youths being
- 12 subjected to alcohol and drugs. We are trying to change
- 13 our lifestyle. We are trying to teach them that is not
- 14 the only thing in life. We are trying to make them
- 15 better parents, better people in society. We are trying
- 16 to teach them that they have a voice.
- 17 A lot of our youths couldn't be here because
- 18 they have to work. But, you know, I mean, they have a
- 19 hard time with me saying shut it down, but it's
- 20 explaining to them we don't want that kind of lifestyle
- 21 for them. They have better things in life.
- Our canoes, our water, you know, they are
- 23 going to have children someday that will get into
- 24 trouble. Or if you raise them with values, and they are
- 25 taught with values the way I was brought up, being proud

- 1 of who you are and what you are, you know, that's what
- 2 we are teaching them. This is not teaching them
- 3 anything.
- 4 Even though it's one day, I am having a hard
- 5 time with it. But, you know, I did come up with
- 6 recommendations instead of just saying shut it down. I
- 7 did ask close it down for every other day -- every other
- 8 year. Try that. Don't advertise it on the internet.
- 9 Keep it for us.
- 10 If you are saying that you can't get rid of
- 11 it with or without the permit, then come up with other
- 12 suggestions. Come up with other recommendations.
- There is not enough toilets on the streets.
- 14 There's not enough dumpsters on the streets. Aloha
- 15 Week, when they first started last year and brought
- 16 their's, they were from Prison Street to Dickenson.
- 17 That was good.
- 18 Why does it have to be the whole Front
- 19 Street that has to be shut down? Make it smaller. 20
- 20 to 30,000 people, we don't have enough place. All we
- 21 had to have 500 per toilets. 500 people per toilet.
- 22 What did we have on the application? Eight? That's not
- 23 acceptable. That's not enough, and it's only around
- 24 Banyan Street. It should be the whole Front Street.
- 25 And then you guys answered my question about

- 1 who pays for the law enforcement. The cleanup, yeah,
- 2 the cleanup has been good, because they have volunteers
- 3 coming in cleaning up the streets and everything. What
- 4 about the other places that aren't on Front Street? All
- 5 the places that are on the back streets, the side
- 6 streets, they are not cleaned up, but they are
- 7 desecrated. The rubbish is there. The alcohol is
- 8 there.
- 9 In all the parking lots that are around
- 10 these places, every one of them had rubbish. Every
- 11 single place. The people start drinking before they get
- 12 here in the parking lots and then walk down the street.
- 13 Where do they leave the rubbish? There where they
- 14 stopped. Where they started. You find them sleeping in
- 15 the beaches. You find them all over the place.
- 16 Everyone that I have heard today in support
- 17 of this are merchants. To all of you merchants, you
- 18 guys should be paying a thousand dollars a merchant to
- 19 help if you guys want to see this happen. You guys
- 20 should have a price tag, too, because you guys are
- 21 making money off of this.
- 22 But that is on behalf of Kuleana Ku'lkahi.
- 23 and I am -- Willy K. was the president for Hui O Wa'a
- 24 Kaulua, and he wanted me to speak on behalf of that
- 25 later, because I am the executive director.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Thank you.
- 2 Kyle Farm is a fireman that left for a fire. Kent
- 3 Stewart followed by Charles Makekau.
- 4 MR. STEWART: Aloha. My name is Kent
- 5 Stewart, and I want to thank you also for bringing the
- 6 meeting here. It makes a big difference to those of us
- 7 who live here to be able to attend a meeting on this
- 8 side.
- 9 I am here not only -- well, first off, it
- 10 should be known that I am a member of the Board of
- 11 Directors of LahainaTown Action Committee. I will say
- 12 that right up front, but I am also a member of the Board
- 13 of Trustees of Waiola Church, and it is from Waiola
- 14 Church that I have been asked to speak, because several
- 15 of our members of Waiola, which is the first Hawaiian
- 16 church on this island, made comment to me last year and
- 17 also asked me to comment or to come and speak today on
- 18 their behalf in support of continuing the Halloween
- 19 traditions here in Lahaina.
- 20 It is the feeling of -- I did not poll the
- 21 entire church, but I know that I am speaking for the
- 22 leadership of the church in saying that the event does
- 23 not meet with the church's opposition. It is a event
- 24 that Waiola, in its many years of being involved on
- 25 Front Street, with the food sales, has been an important

- 1 fund raising event for Waiola Church in helping to
- 2 support the small church.
- And, most importantly, that Waiola in being
- 4 involved for so long, has noted steady improvement in
- 5 the management of the event and also echoes its
- 6 appreciation for the quality of the management of the
- 7 event by LahainaTown Action Committee and the many other
- 8 groups that participate to make this as good an event as
- 9 it is.
- 10 So, I will conclude by saying that it's not
- 11 just businesses who benefit and who are assisted by the
- 12 many people who come and spend and buy shave ice and buy
- 13 the food that is served. It's sometimes very small and
- 14 very important local organizations as well, such as this
- 15 church.
- So, thank you for listening and for giving
- 17 it your full consideration. Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you. Charles
- 19 Makekau.
- 20 MR. MAKEKAU: Thank you. I actually didn't
- 21 put in my name. Somebody else put it.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Both names over here.
- 23 MR. MAKEKAU: Okay. I too understand
- 24 Uilani. I back you up 100 percent. I have been in
- 25 Lahaina all my life. Born and raised except being in

- 1 the Army a short stint. I have seen Lahaina from a
- 2 sleepy town to a very busy, busy town.
- 3 We crying like hell because of the road
- 4 condition. We crying out loud because of the roads, the
- 5 fire, traffic accidents, but then we go right back and
- 6 we create that monster in Front Street, which attracts,
- 7 not like before, 5,000 people. We talking about 30,
- 8 35,000 people.
- 9 And all these cars are all coming from all
- 10 around the corners and blocking up our roadways. On top
- 11 of that, we block up our Front Street and all our side
- 12 streets. What we are talking about? We talking two
- 13 side of our face.
- 14 Consider the whole situation. Cut it down
- 15 and make it attractable. Not that kind of bare butt or
- 16 running around with no more top. Oh, the young guys
- 17 like to see that, but talk the old guys. We already saw
- 18 it.
- 19 So, what we do is we -- it has come to the
- 20 point that we, even myself for a couple of years, I have
- 21 never been down there. It has become ridiculous. And
- 22 you say that there is no alcohol on the street. It is
- 23 alcohol has already been consumed someplace else, or
- 24 they someplace on the car or behind the corner in the
- 25 dark.

- 1 Drugs, you tell me no more drugs. You are
- 2 not talking right. You can smell 'em. And if you no
- 3 can smell 'em, you got stuck nose. It's there. It's
- 4 there. And if you ever (inaudible).
- 5 But I hundred percent follow Uilani.
- 6 Consider all the facts, especially you people. Pity us
- 7 that live in Lahaina. If I was maybe about 20, 30 years
- 8 younger, maybe I say, yeah, go for it. But today, I see
- 9 my grandchildren and my great-grandchildren, ah, man,
- 10 they no can wait for go down. But the mother, the
- 11 father say no way. Stay home. That's how I feel. Stay
- 12 home. Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you. Florence
- 14 Makekau.
- 15 MS. CALLENTINE: Who is it that needs the
- 16 mike now?
- 17 MS. KAPU: Auntie Flo went home, so it was
- 18 just her husband.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: DeAnn followed by
- 20 Aldoi.
- 21 MS. KAINA: (Inaudible, not speaking into
- 22 mike.) I am DeAnn Kaina, raised in Holokapua. And I'm
- 23 also Hawaiian Studies teacher here at King Kamehameha
- 24 III. I grew up here, went to Sacred Heart School, and
- 25 when it got burned down, my family and I got transferred

- 1 to King Kamehameha III elementary. I graduated from
- 2 Lahainaluna, went on to Brigham Young University Hawaii
- 3 campus.
- 4 I have a few questions just to throw out to
- 5 you. Keep that in mind. Historic preservation is your
- 6 kuleana, ai?
- 7 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: Ai.
- 8 MS. KAINA: Thank you. Is this what you
- 9 call historic preservation? It's interesting how we are
- 10 allowing these kinds of events to occur in our National
- 11 Historic site or place that we were reminded of by the
- 12 Feds this morning, ai?
- And yet this kind of events were never part
- 14 of our cultural practices, or it's not even of
- 15 (inaudible) Hawaii from ho ka wa kahiko, from the days
- 16 of old. We never had these kinds of things. Okay.
- 17 Seeing as though there is no recollection of
- 18 thought to think that this event would have to take so
- 19 many of our officers within our Public Service
- 20 Department, meaning Maui Police Department, to have,
- 21 what, 70 to 80, yeah? As was recommended -- excuse me.
- 22 80 to 90 officers to police this event, and yet this
- 23 event, according to na po'e e, said that it accumulates
- 24 20 to 30,000 people.
- So, if you do the math, one police officer

- 1 would have to police 307 people per police officer.
- 2 That's ridiculous. Growing up here in Lahaina, as well
- 3 as throughout the West side, I have never seen 80 to 90
- 4 police officers in my life throughout the entire West
- 5 Maui, let alone throughout the entire Island of Maui,
- 6 let alone throughout the entire Maui County, including
- 7 Tri-Isle, Lana'i, Moloka'i, even Kaho'olawe.
- 8 Have the kupuna -- have no kupuna of this
- 9 community, of this moku, moku o Lahaina been asked about
- 10 this in planning this event? And if there is na kupuna,
- 11 if na kupuna have ever been involved in part of this
- 12 planning this event, and, if not, why not? Why not?
- 13 Road closure, that's -- that would create a
- 14 problem. In my recommendation, it would be nice to have
- 15 it just from Papalaua to Prison Street, and to be able
- 16 to have the keiki parade remain, because why do we need
- 17 to turn this all of a sudden into an adult event?
- 18 I remember when I was small and my siblings
- 19 and I, we had the privilege to walk Front Street and be
- 20 part of that keiki parade, and we were happy about it.
- 21 But we never had an adult event after that.
- People are allowed to dress however they
- 23 want to. Allow them to come in and enjoy Halloween. If
- 24 you can set up a stage at the Banyon Tree for adult, why
- 25 can't you set up a stage for the keikis and have the

- 1 keiki contest there, rather than down at Kamehameha lki.
- 2 You talk about Maui Police Department, has
- 3 there ever been a thought about curfew, so that families
- 4 can come and enjoy this event, family or families? We
- 5 have children out here when this event occurs. Has it
- 6 ever thought about you -- thought about that these
- 7 children are within the vicinity of adult. Adult. And
- 8 however they accommodate themselves throughout this
- 9 event during the duration of this event, there is
- 10 children.
- So, has there any thought come to your
- 12 recollection to think that, curfew? This is one of the
- 13 reasons why we never had an adult event, that we only
- 14 had the keiki parade when I was young. Why? Because of
- 15 curfew.
- And it's interesting how you talk so much
- 17 about the police Department helping out and doing this.
- 18 Where is na kupuna in all of this? Why hasn't any of
- 19 Lahaina Action Town Committee involved kupuna in this
- 20 planning. And look at the perception of the kupuna?
- 21 What do they say about this and know about this?
- 22 Lahaina Action Town Committee says that they
- 23 manage and facilitate, and then the Police Department,
- 24 according to your report, says with or without the
- 25 permit, the people will come.

- 1 Allow them to come. They are welcome to
- 2 come. That's part of what it is of being Hawaiian. But
- 3 you know what? It's interesting how Lahaina Action Town
- 4 Committee funds this event, \$10,000, and it manages it?
- 5 Well, that's funny, because the more you manage it, the
- 6 more you facilitate it. The more you make it become a
- 7 problem.
- 8 How does it become a problem? You inviting
- 9 more people, and more people, and you got to get more
- 10 police officers out there. Nothing was said that kupuna
- 11 was involved in this planning. Nothing. Our taxes goes
- 12 into this, because police -- Maui Police Department is
- 13 paid by the County.
- 14 It was said before the Lahaina Action Town
- 15 Committee paid police officers and whatnot. Okay? We
- 16 are all involved in these taxes. Think about it.
- 17 Congratulations and mahalo to the Rotary and
- 18 Soroptimists Club for sponsoring the keiki parade, for
- 19 keeping it that way. We really, really appreciate it.
- 20 And then last but not least, there is no
- 21 true record -- no true record that has actually come to
- 22 this Board regarding stores, operations on Front Street
- 23 that have actually said that they have made really,
- 24 really good as far as in their economy or income.
- Do you have a record of that? Do you have a

- 1 record, Nani, of Leola of Hawaii, that store? Or BJ's
- 2 Pizzeria, Kalei? How come? Perry, how about you?
- 3 Kimo's Restaurant, do you have a record of that of how
- 4 much they have made from this event, all these stores
- 5 and restaurants and shops? Do you really have a record
- 6 of that? Do you have proof of that? Or just say. Do
- 7 we do what we say? Well, anyway, this is my testimony.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you, DeAnn.
- 9 Anybody got questions? I have one question.
- 10 MS. KAINA: Yes, Sam.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: So, your thing about
- 12 it, your feeling about it is to -- you know, you really
- 13 never say it, that you don't support it, but you say it
- 14 to --
- 15 MS. KAINA: I gave you recommendations.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Right.
- 17 MS. KAINA: And so, you know, if people want
- 18 to enjoy Halloween, I am not going to take it from --
- 19 from any of you -- take it away from any of you.
- 20 If as an adult want to enjoy Halloween, go
- 21 have your own Halloween, but do we have to turn it into
- 22 an adult event? That's what I am saying.
- 23 My recommendation is, you know, close the
- 24 road from 5:00 to 8:00. And what I mean by close the
- 25 road is from Papalaua to Prison Street. Why go all the

- 1 way down past 505 and Kamehameha Iki. Okay?
- 2 That's a huge closure when you think about
- 3 it. Okay? There's kids that live, you know, around
- 4 here. We have families that live around here. Okay?
- 5 And why do we have to make this an adult event? Why all
- 6 of a sudden it has to become an adult event?
- 7 If you, as an adult, want to dress Halloween
- 8 night, I am not going to stop. It's all right. It's
- 9 all right. If you want to put on your malo, come with
- 10 your bibidy, whatever. It's okay. I am not trying to
- 11 stop this event. But what I am saying is that why turn
- 12 it into an adult event, and allow the keikis to have
- 13 that privilege to enjoy Halloween. Okay?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Very good. Thank you.
- 15 Any more questions for her? Okay. Our next speaker is
- 16 Aldoi? Aldoi Tassata? The next one is William Waiohu.
- 17 MR. WAIOHU: I no going say no more or
- 18 nothing now, because what all the other guys say. Close
- 19 Halloween. Hey, I backing them up hundred percent.
- 20 Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Thank you.
- 22 Carroll, Pastor Wayne Carroll. Pastor Carroll.
- MS. NISHIYAMA: I am speaking on behalf.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: You are speaking on
- 25 behalf of him? Okay.

- 1 MS. NISHIYAMA: Aloha.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Aloha.
- 3 MS. NISHIYAMA: I am reading a letter from
- 4 Pastor Wayne Carroll. This is his testimony.
- 5 I am Pastor Wayne Carroll of Kahana Door of
- 6 Faith Church. I am sorry I can't be at this hearing
- 7 because of a commitment I have already made. So, I have
- 8 asked Auntie Patty, so she could read my comments and
- 9 opinion on the Lahaina Front Street Halloween that's
- 10 held every year.
- 11 Its popularity has grown and has attracted
- 12 people from all over the islands, the United States, and
- 13 other countries. It certainly has become very
- 14 attractive. But my concern is it has also gotten too
- 15 bold and daring with the way adults present themselves.
- 16 Some only have water paint over their bare bodies.
- 17 It's one thing if this event was confined
- 18 and restricted to adults only, but it's not. It's open
- 19 to also our children. Folks, we are sending the wrong
- 20 signal to our children that it is acceptable, then it
- 21 must be all right.
- No, it's not acceptable. So, who is going
- 23 to enforce it to make sure the event is acceptable?
- 24 Remember, the event is also videoed and shown on TV, and
- 25 it's not screened, so that's more of our kids watching

- 1 that. This is our community -- excuse me. This is our
- 2 community. Let's keep it decent and clean for all of us
- 3 and our children.
- 4 May God bless you all. Pastor Wayne
- 5 Carroll.
- 6 Can I continue with mine?
- 7 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Yes, Pastor was the
- 8 last one, so state your name.
- 9 MS. NISHIYAMA: Okay. My name is Patricia
- 10 Nishiyama-Ka ko'o, Auntie Patty Nishiyama, born and
- 11 raised in Lahaina. I have seen this grown into -- this
- 12 event grown into a monster, absolutely.
- 13 My family lived in Kelawea Mauka. And
- 14 during the Halloween time, years, they -- our children
- 15 went trick or treating. Today, my people -- their
- 16 children is on Front Street. They walk all the way from
- 17 Kelawea Mauka, because there is no parking. They have
- 18 their children traveling down from Lahainaluna Road down
- 19 to Front Street.
- 20 12:00 o'clock at night, they are walking
- 21 their children up the hill after the event is over. I
- 22 was going to have mo'opuna to testify, because they --
- 23 but they weren't patient enough to wait. So, they went
- 24 swimming.
- 25 Anyway, so they want -- I asked them to -- I

- 1 told them to testify about Halloween. And they said,
- 2 oh, yeah, Grandma, is that the one that we watch on TV
- 3 at Auntie -- at Halii house when the people was walking
- 4 around naked?
- 5 I mean, this is the vision that they see
- 6 already on Front Street. I mean, are we going to
- 7 continue this to let our children be involved in
- 8 educating them that the culture here in Lahaina is
- 9 people walking around naked?
- 10 I mean, I have seen this video, and I am
- 11 sorry. That video -- I called Akaku to stop it. It was
- 12 terrible. I mean, they really focus on some pilau crap.
- 13 I mean, very pilau. So, that was what was shown on
- 14 Akaku.
- So, not only my grandchildren saw that,
- 16 everybody else. Well, I want to live -- leave our
- 17 culture to our grandchildren on how historic this place
- 18 was with Hawaiian memories. I want to leave this how
- 19 Kamehameha and Moku'ula and everybody, you know. I
- 20 don't want to live this kind of trash with my
- 21 grandchildren that this event is putting out for them.
- I mean, we try to teach them what is our
- 23 culture. Now, with this going on, it confuses them.
- 24 So, when they grow up, they going to say, oh, no. That
- 25 was Halloween, the Mardi Gras, you know. That was what

- 1 the whole history about was Mardi Gras.
- 2 I don't think so. I prefer them to continue
- 3 their education, so they can educate their children at
- 4 how Lahaina has full, rich Hawaiian, you know, Hawaiian
- 5 history.
- 6 So, anyway, I know we can't close it, and,
- 7 you know, I 100 percent support Ui. And, of course,
- 8 Uncle Charlie is Na Kupuna O Maui. So, I support him
- 9 100 percent. But anyway, I want you folks to make sure
- 10 that this event doesn't kill the history of Lahaina and
- 11 the historic history of Lahaina. Thank you.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you. Is there
- 13 anyone in the public that haven't signed up that wants
- 14 to testify, please come forward and state your name.
- 15 MR. McCARTY: Aloha. I am Richard McCarty.
- 16 I didn't plan to speak, but some things have gone
- 17 through my mind while I was watching the testimony and
- 18 so forth.
- 19 I think we are fortunate to have this
- 20 meeting today in this classroom at this school, because
- 21 this is community. Us folks here, this is community,
- 22 and that's what we are talking to you about today.
- And I think that it's lucky that we have you
- 24 as a checkpoint to tell us whether or not our community
- 25 is about to do something that our community would really

- 1 not want to endorse. I think if we asked everybody who
- 2 has testified and is interested in this how many of you
- 3 are in favor of public nudity? How many of you are in
- 4 favor of excess drinking? How many of you are in favor
- 5 of drugs? How many of you are in favor of our kids
- 6 seeing the kind of things that happen down there?
- 7 So, we need for you to tell us get a handle
- 8 on this thing, because, unfortunately, its success has
- 9 become its demise. They have advertised it
- 10 internationally as the place, the party to go to.
- And what does that communicate to most
- 12 adults? Sex, drugs, and rock and roll. You know, show
- 13 up and have your fun, and the community, us guys, will
- 14 look the other way.
- Now, one thing that I noticed is that with
- 16 the Cultural Resources Committee, that there's been very
- 17 little discussion, if at all, about whether this is
- 18 culturally appropriate. And I don't know if you require
- 19 a cultural assessment in this type of thing, but I think
- 20 you should, because this is focused on a part of Lahaina
- 21 that has great historic significance.
- And should these kind of things be going on
- 23 at the Courthouse? That's kind of ironic that they
- 24 focus right in front of the Courthouse and under the
- 25 Banyon Tree. But I think it's necessary for somebody to

- 1 do a study of that.
- 2 The problem with those of us who are
- 3 guests -- I've been a guest here 25 years -- to come
- 4 forward and say this is socially and culturally
- 5 appropriate is because we might make remarks like, well,
- 6 I have seen nudity in the parade for the Celebration of
- 7 Canoes. And I'm not Hawaiian, but that hit me hard.
- 8 That's insulting, it's derogatory, and it's exactly what
- 9 this event has turned in to.
- We don't understand, and maybe that remark
- 11 was made innocently, because some of us don't understand
- 12 the true nature of some of these things we say and how
- 13 far they go. But so luckily, we have you to come to and
- 14 say is this appropriate?
- And I think if you analyze it, no, none of
- 16 you would want to be accountable for endorsing an event
- 17 that admittedly gets out of control. Shut it down
- 18 early. I used to be in the bar business in Casper,
- 19 Wyoming, where I had rodeo cowboys in there up to
- 20 2:00 in the morning drinking.
- 21 And I know that if you don't shut the party
- 22 down earlier, it gets out of hand, and you have got big
- 23 problems. Why do we want to intentionally put 80 or 90
- 24 of our good police officers in harm's way.
- We are here today -- I think some of this is

- 1 trying to distract you into saying this is just a kids'
- 2 event, and the parents hang around and have some fun.
- 3 We saw those happy kids in the cafeteria here today.
- 4 They didn't need 80 or 90 police officers to control
- 5 them. They are getting along fine.
- 6 But to put our good men in harm's way for no
- 7 real purpose, there is no justified reason to say we are
- 8 going to expose 80 or 90 police officers and some
- 9 firemen to danger, and at the same time expose the rest
- 10 of our community to not having a police force available.
- 11 So, take a hard look at it, please. There
- 12 are all kinds of issues, but nobody has confronted the
- 13 cultural issues, and I think that a study should be made
- 14 of that. I am not able to tell you about that, and I
- 15 don't pretend to, but I think it would be worth looking
- 16 into. Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you.
- 18 MR. KAMAKAWIWO'OLE: Aloha. I am kind of
- 19 uncomfortable talking on the mike. But I am one of
- 20 those that wrote a letter to the editor that was really
- 21 ticked off of what we talked about, the design of the
- 22 shirts and stuff like that. I was really offended.
- So, I figure I come and share what I have.
- 24 I heard the gentle woman here speak about the kids'
- 25 parade. I think that's also for our babies. So, if the

- 1 intent is to take care of our babies, then let it be
- 2 that.
- 3 Halloween to me as a man of God is a time of
- 4 mischief, and the mischief really doesn't start until it
- 5 becomes dark. If we did that to Kamehameha Day or Aloha
- 6 Week, the mischief wouldn't be like that. Now, when you
- 7 give a permit to do that, and you entice these people to
- 8 come, their intent is to go off, is to become -- and to
- 9 fulfill this holiday as Halloween. They come in the
- 10 spirit of mischief.
- When you look at the age of those who walk
- 12 up and down and up and down Front Street, it's not the
- 13 parents, because I catch the parents and the babies when
- 14 I offering candy at my home. That's what I see. It has
- 15 nothing to do with Halloween. The holy intent is to be
- 16 out there to make mischief.
- 17 Now, the LahainaTown Action Committee made
- 18 the smartest move by making Jerry president, because now
- 19 Jerry can be that buffer between the kanaka. He has
- 20 that understanding. And as a micro business owner, I
- 21 understand that the LahainaTown Action Committee is
- 22 their advocate. And the ones who set up all of these
- 23 parties is to bring more people to Front Street. That's
- 24 economics.
- 25 And then my father-in-law told me this

- 1 morning, before we left, hey, no make the Front Street
- 2 guys mad, because they take care of the seniors, you
- 3 know. They give us dinners and free rides to Lana'i,
- 4 and all of this kind of stuff, so they take care of us.
- 5 And then Jerry always bring the pizza and food, you
- 6 know. So, I said, I know, I know. I understand the
- 7 dynamics.
- 8 When I heard about the church using that
- 9 time was like I was confused. Because as good men and
- 10 women of God, you understand that Halloween has no part
- 11 of God. And the kanaka, we never have Halloween, so
- 12 that is not part of our culture. It is -- to me, it is
- 13 understandable that it comes down to economics.
- 14 And our police, even if we didn't have a
- 15 nighttime part, our police are out there putting their
- 16 lives on the line 24 hours a day. So, it doesn't really
- 17 matter if you need 89 more for come for take care of it,
- 18 because they take care.
- Now, why would you have 89 people down there
- 20 for just this, this circus of guys strolling up and
- 21 down, and up and down, and up and down Front Street.
- 22 They just looking for trouble. But lot of crime now is
- 23 on the outskirts where the policeman no stay.
- They take 'em by the church back there where
- 25 that guy try to entice that girl, that little baby.

- 1 They take 'em to every place else but where the police
- 2 stay. So, it's hard. But it was because they brought
- 3 this mischief and during this time that you backing up
- 4 this mischievous holiday.
- 5 And that is -- that is where I feel that it
- 6 lacks anything. But I -- to talk about that ti'i that
- 7 they made on that T-shirt back then, I was offended, and
- 8 any kanaka should be offended. So, if I have offended
- 9 anyone here, I ask that you forgive me. Thank you.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Just for our
- 11 secretary, can you state your name?
- 12 MR. KAMAKAWIWO'OLE: Francis Kamakawiwo'ole.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you. Anyone
- 14 else from the public? Okay. Just state your name for
- 15 the records.
- 16 MS. McCARTY: My name is Vickie McCarty.
- 17 Thank you for letting me testify here today. Thank you
- 18 to the kupuna for coming. For them to have to come
- 19 before you and talk about the things that they have seen
- 20 on this street on that night, not just once, but over
- 21 and over and over is shameful.
- This is not only a Historic District, this
- 23 is their place. These are not things that should be
- 24 displayed on the street for the kupuna or for the
- 25 children. For a keiki parade, I don't think anybody

- 1 objects to that, but the naked bodies start showing up
- 2 at 5:00 or 6:00 at night. The behavior that is
- 3 offensive starts at 6:00 o'clock at night.
- 4 You cannot walk down the street with your
- 5 grandchildren without covering their eyes at
- 6 6:00 o'clock at night, and then it goes on from
- 7 6:00 o'clock until the last person leaves, and sometimes
- 8 that's in the morning when they are either carried away
- 9 or they wake up from where they have fallen, or they get
- 10 up from where they are sleeping.
- 11 This is a Historic District. This is
- 12 inappropriate behavior. The advertising that goes on
- 13 for this event is not just advertised to places where
- 14 parents will see it. The advertising goes around the
- 15 world. And nowhere in that advertising have I seen
- 16 anyone say this is a family event. Appropriate attire
- 17 is required.
- But the people that put this event on, never
- 19 have I seen them say to someone, excuse me, that is
- 20 inappropriate. Please go put your clothes on or don't
- 21 do that. Once the doors are opened, anything is
- 22 allowed, anything is acceptable, and everything is
- 23 encouraged.
- 24 This is a historic district. For anyone to
- 25 still pretend that this is an event for children, you

- 1 have not seen what goes on. This is not appropriate
- 2 behavior. I ask you to do what you can, not only for
- 3 the children, but to allow these kupuna to be able to
- 4 walk the streets with their grandchildren.
- 5 They cannot go to the grocery store on that
- 6 night without passing this behavior that I know you have
- 7 all seen and you have all thought about. Please think
- 8 about it. I understand that there's a lot of money
- 9 made. I'm not here asking you to shut this event down.
- 10 If a bar or a restaurant wants to have a
- 11 Halloween celebration, I think that's fine. But they
- 12 could have the celebration inside of their
- 13 establishment. What they are asking all of the other
- 14 people to do is look the other way while they let all of
- 15 that spill out onto the street, so they can make money
- 16 and everybody one else suffers.
- 17 Please review this event and think about, in
- 18 your own hearts, what you know is appropriate behavior
- 19 and what you know is not appropriate behavior for
- 20 children and for this area, and please do what you can.
- 21 Mahalo.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you.
- 23 MR. ASHFIELD: I am Steve Ashfield from the
- 24 Parks Department. And the problem with the na kupuna
- 25 not getting into it, first of all, it's not a Hawaiian,

- 1 the event. It's not actually religious, the event,
- 2 either. It's advocate of the devil when it comes down
- 3 to it.
- 4 And what would happen if you decide not to
- 5 do it? The only thing you could probably try to do is
- 6 say, okay, LahainaTown Action Committee, please don't
- 7 put it on your website and please don't advertise it.
- 8 But every hotel, every place in town would
- 9 advertise it themselves, and you would be back -- when I
- 10 first came here in 1981, on a Halloween, and went and
- 11 tried to drive down Front Street, it took me about an
- 12 hour and a half to drive down Front Street, because
- 13 people were walking between the cars, over the cars,
- 14 through the cars, things being stuck in your window.
- All the trucks from all the people that live
- 16 here, mostly in pickup trucks had kids hanging out the
- 17 back. It's not a nice night to have your children out.
- 18 Guaranteed. It's a night for rebel rousing, and that's
- 19 what it is. Whether it should come before the Cultural
- 20 Commission because it's in the town is correct. You
- 21 saying it's okay isn't exactly correct.
- 22 Say, unfortunately, we have to have this.
- 23 And the idea there is, okay, you can say okay, but you
- 24 may not want to. But it would be very hard to stop it
- 25 completely. You can try, but I don't want to go back to

- 1 the way it was, because I don't think we can afford to.
- 2 It's gotten out of hand, and it's going to
- 3 stay out of hand, because everybody else is going to
- 4 advertise it, because they are making money from it.
- 5 We can try to stop LahainaTown Action
- 6 Committee to say please don't put it on your website.
- 7 Try to make the T-shirt something to say cultural or
- 8 something, because they are going through our town and
- 9 the different places.
- The police getting paid, well, I would
- 11 rather have all the people in one place than going all
- 12 over the place. At least they are watching it.
- 13 About the street being closed, it's only
- 14 closed all the way to Shaw Street until the keiki parade
- 15 is over, because that's where the keiki parade ends, and
- 16 then it goes back to Prison Street. Allowing it, saying
- 17 go ahead and do it, it's really tough. Saying not to do
- 18 it, it's even harder. Thank you.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you.
- 20 MS. NEIDITCH: Aloha. My name is Yolanda
- 21 Neiditch (phonetic), born and raised in Lahaina. Well,
- 22 it's dammed if you do and dammed if you don't. Your
- 23 hands are tied.
- Been a lot of recommendations, positive that
- 25 can, you know, help guide for this event. And bottom

- 1 line is the babies, you know, our future generation, you
- 2 know, and just our kupuna. But you are killing us. You
- 3 know, this event killing us, but it's totally out of
- 4 hand now. What we going to do?
- 5 You know, that advertisement, you got
- 6 LahainaTown Action, you know, even if they stop with all
- 7 that, the hotels going to be promoting, you know, come
- 8 to the big party Lahaina, Maui, you know. It's just
- 9 gotten totally out of hand.
- 10 But really maybe we can slow them down. Why
- 11 11:00 o'clock? You know, I don't even have people
- 12 coming down Lahaina. The back streets is so crazy
- 13 because of the road closure. The highway is crazy.
- 14 Can't even get to the store. Who wants to get in a car
- 15 and even, you know, get out there just go buy milk.
- 16 You know, so everybody crazy in the morning,
- 17 but in the morning, try to do the shopping after work,
- 18 so we don't have to be here on Front Street or come to
- 19 the back street, because there is no way we can go
- 20 anywhere. It's like we crawling.
- You know, and I'm surprised we don't have
- 22 major accidents. You know, and thank God never have
- 23 murders yet. I am really surprised. You know, really
- 24 taking care, you know, rapes, the back streets so dark,
- 25 the drugs that goes down.

- 1 So, it's not okay to have it. But like I
- 2 said, consider this really, really, please, deep down,
- 3 is it right or is it wrong? Don't let it happen when
- 4 you know it's wrong. You cannot stop it completely, but
- 5 you can cut it down on the time.
- 6 And also, yeah, you know this adult nudity
- 7 and bullshit that goes down is not good for our babies.
- 8 And you know what? I don't want to see everybody
- 9 walking around naked in Front Street or Lahaina. Okay?
- 10 So, that's all I got to say. Thank you.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you. Okay.
- 12 Anybody else?
- 13 MS. KAPU: I am for Hui O Wa'a.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay.
- MS. KAPU: Because he had to leave. Uilani
- 16 Kapu speaking for Willie K., but he asked me to speak on
- 17 behalf of him for Hui O Wa'a Kaulua, and being that I am
- 18 the executive director. Hui O Wa'a Kaulua is located in
- 19 Kamehameha Iki Park where the keiki parade ends.
- They use the stage area for their keiki, but
- 21 due to the construction of our traditional hale wa'a
- 22 wai, they will not be able to use the stage anymore. No
- 23 one has come to us about using the park this year. We
- 24 were sent the papers regarding this event and just would
- 25 like to let you know the keiki event will not be able to

- 1 be used -- to use the stage. And if anyone would come
- 2 to see us, they would know why.
- 3 Number two, in the past, we have had
- 4 problems with trash and people sleeping in the park,
- 5 trash meaning beer containers and others in parking lots
- 6 and in the park. We end up cleaning all of this -- we
- 7 end up cleaning all of this up, not County or
- 8 LahainaTown Action Committee.
- 9 And he added, we had a death on the highway
- 10 two years ago. We don't have hospital -- we don't have
- 11 a hospital on this side. And he said if you could move
- 12 it to Wailuku, maybe that will be somewhere where there
- 13 is a hospital. Mahalo.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you. Okay. Ui
- 15 was the last one on list. Is there anyone else before
- 16 we close the floor? Seeing that we have no one else
- 17 from the public to testify, we are now closing the floor
- 18 for this portion. And staff, can you give us your
- 19 recommendations.
- 20 MS. CALLENTINE: Yes, I can. Our
- 21 recommendations, we have a set of standard conditions.
- 22 This is on page eight of your report and recommendation.
- 23 I don't -- typically, we don't read all the
- 24 recommendations out loud, because they are standard. Do
- 25 you want me to do that today, Mr. Chair?

- 1 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Members, have you guys
- 2 looked over the conditions and the recommendations? Do
- 3 you guys have any questions or else you can go over it
- 4 with us.
- 5 MS. CALLENTINE: The one that was noted by
- 6 Public Works is on page nine, item number 15. We would
- 7 strike that condition.
- 8 That condition reads that the applicant
- 9 shall obtain approval from the Department of Public
- 10 Works regarding parking for the event, and they said
- 11 they had no jurisdiction over parking. So, we would
- 12 recommend striking that. And then the remaining
- 13 conditions would be renumbered.
- 14 Also, although the Department of Fire and
- 15 Public Safety was not able to stay today, I would like
- 16 to amend item number seven, condition number seven.
- 17 This condition reads that the applicant
- 18 shall provide emergency access at both ends of the
- 19 closed sections of all streets, and shall insure that
- 20 security, first aid and evacuation for the event are
- 21 provided, subject to the approval of Police Department.
- 22 And I would like to amend that to add and the Department
- 23 of Fire and Public Safety.
- 24 Also, I'd like the Commission to consider
- 25 adding a condition that the applicant shall include

- 1 proposed logos to be incorporated into marketing
- 2 materials, including the event T-shirt design in future
- 3 applications for the Annual Halloween Event. And this
- 4 condition can be joined with condition number three for
- 5 continuity.
- 6 Condition number three is in regards to the
- 7 applicant applying for future permits at least 90 days
- 8 in advance to allow time for agency review and time for
- 9 processing. So, we could add that -- put that in after
- 10 item -- condition number three.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: You are talking about
- 12 the logo approval and other?
- 13 MS. CALLENTINE: Yes, yes. Talking about
- 14 the logo review and including that in the -- or putting
- 15 that actually right after item number three as a
- 16 separate -- as a separate condition of putting it in,
- 17 and then all the other conditions be renamed -- I mean
- 18 renumbered accordingly.
- 19 And then Commissioners, although the Fire
- 20 Department did not attend today, and they also have not
- 21 submitted comments. They did submit comments regarding
- 22 the 4th of July event and those are concerning life
- 23 safety issues.
- And I wanted to ask that you consider adding
- 25 these conditions as well on behalf of the Fire

- 1 Department, and they would read that approved fire
- 2 extinguishers shall be located within 75 feet of all
- 3 booths and tents. That would be one new condition.
- 4 Number two would be that personnel shall be
- 5 available to clear streets in a timely manner, if
- 6 necessary.
- 7 The next one would read that fire protection
- 8 equipment such as fire hydrants and standpipes shall not
- 9 be blocked during the event.
- And the next one is that no open flames
- 11 shall be permitted in booths or tents.
- 12 And the last one is that booths and tents
- 13 shall not be set up on roadways and shall not obstruct
- 14 any sidewalks.
- So, pursuant to the foregoing, the
- 16 Department recommends approval of the permit subject to
- 17 the aforementioned conditions and pending addition of
- 18 any other conditions that the Commission might wish to
- 19 impose.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Commissioners,
- 21 question? Okay.
- 22 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: I think this is for
- 23 the Action Committee. So, a person who is in charge?
- 24 You know, I am looking at this mana'o now, preserving
- 25 local cultures and traditions, and I am honing in on

- 1 what we need to emphasize for natural environment,
- 2 family and local culture in our island lifestyle.
- 3 So, here is the question. With this event
- 4 called Halloween, how does this recognize the Hawaiian
- 5 culture as host for the rest, and as such, perpetuate
- 6 the attitude of and respect among residents and
- 7 visitors?
- 8 MR. KUNITOMO: I don't even know how to
- 9 answer that one. I didn't draft that letter. I don't
- 10 think that I can stand here and say that it's a Hawaiian
- 11 cultural event. So, beyond that, I'm -- what was the
- 12 rest of the question?
- 13 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: Let's see.
- 14 Perpetuate the attitude of respect and humility among
- 15 residents and visitors being that we are the host
- 16 cultural. You can't?
- 17 MR. KUNITOMO: I really don't have any
- 18 comment.
- 19 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: Can someone in your
- 20 committee maybe? No.
- 21 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Do you want me to
- 22 answer it? It doesn't.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Commissioners.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: I got a question for
- 25 Jerry. Is there money exchanged under the Banyon Tree?

- 1 MR. KUNITOMO: Yeah. Wait, is there?
- 2 There's scrip.
- 3 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: It's all scrip.
- 4 Yeah, just checking.
- 5 MS. KAPU: All booths handled their own
- 6 money.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: There is money.
- 8 MS. KAPU: Yeah, because they are all
- 9 individual vendors, because I was --
- 10 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: What's the ruling on
- 11 that? Didn't we have the ruling on that that no money,
- 12 or is that a whole different event?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Well, certain events
- 14 like the Aloha Week, people were collecting money at
- 15 their individual booth. It's only when I think the
- 16 specific organizations that were underneath the arm of,
- 17 I think, the Lahaina Action Committee that the monies
- 18 were distribute in the courthouse.
- 19 But I think on the specific events there
- 20 were money exchanged under the Banyon Tree. At least
- 21 this is why it's very important that we need to find out
- 22 about the -- you know, it was a big issue with the other
- 23 problem that we had down there just recently.
- MR. KUNITOMO: I have been advised that it
- 25 is cash. The treasurer is here.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. So, it's cash.
- 2 At one point, wasn't it scrip?
- 3 MR. KUNITOMO: You know, honestly, Theo is
- 4 not here, and Ken is our treasurer.
- 5 MR. STEWART: As long as I have been aware
- 6 of it, which is really only the last three years, this
- 7 event has been -- has involved cash because of the fact
- 8 that there were many different organizations that were
- 9 having the booths. It wasn't a LahainaTown specific set
- 10 of booths, and so there was cash being exchanged.
- 11 There was a difficulty in being able to
- 12 construct a system that would -- that would manage and
- 13 control cash. And for security reasons, we wanted to
- 14 keep the courthouse closed and not have traffic going
- 15 through the courthouse in the late afternoon, evening.
- 16 That's my understanding.
- 17 MR. KUNITOMO: My personal experience was
- 18 the heui under the Banyon Tree in daytime festivals
- 19 always had scrip running inside with the receipt process
- 20 inside. But whenever we did Festival of Canoes or any
- 21 of the nighttime stuff -- you guys did cash when you did
- 22 the kole? The time you did the fish under the tree,
- 23 that was cash?
- MS. KAPU: Halloween, cash on Halloween.
- MR. KUNITOMO: No, the canoe event, the time

- 1 you guys did -- I was trying to think back. Nobody else
- 2 had a booth?
- 3 MS. KAPU: Festival was always scrip.
- 4 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: So, the question back
- 5 to the LahainaTown Action Committee, so, is there a
- 6 percentage that you folks make off of that also then,
- 7 all the booths and things as such?
- 8 MR. STEWART: Only a booth fee of, I
- 9 believe, \$25 to -- because the LahainaTown Action
- 10 Committee is providing the booth, the canopies, and
- 11 various other things, so that's costs of just setting it
- 12 up. Beyond that, for any other organization, there is
- 13 no percentage charged or expected.
- MR. KUNITOMO: To clarify the booth, the
- 15 toilets, the guys that are cleaning up this year was
- 16 the -- last couple years was baseball, Little League,
- 17 Lahaina Little League. And they got paid to clean up
- 18 the street and the back streets. They are not
- 19 volunteers. So, the revenue from the booths and that
- 20 kind of stuff goes to pay for the cleanup and basically
- 21 facilitate the event.
- 22 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: So then I guess what
- 23 I don't know is the LahainaTown Action Committee, so
- 24 then fill me in. You folks are supported by the
- 25 merchants in Lahaina or how do you --

- 1 MR. KUNITOMO: Not necessarily.
- 2 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: How do you put up
- 3 10,000 for this event? Where do you guys get your money
- 4 from?
- 5 MR. KUNITOMO: You kind of just keep rolling
- 6 them over. Membership accounts for very, very little of
- 7 it. The original construction of the events were not
- 8 made for fundraising, not even Taste of Lahaina, none of
- 9 them. There was a passion that said the town needs
- 10 this, the town needs this, and that's why you have
- 11 Chinese New Year, Banyan Tree Birthday, and, I mean,
- 12 it's basically the spectrum of all the cultures.
- Taste of Lahaina kind of like a plantation
- 14 camp where all the cultures come together, eat and enjoy
- 15 music, but the money kind of rolls over. I know a lot
- 16 of people think that the balance sheet is really rich,
- 17 but I can -- we got two credit lines that we are
- 18 surviving on right now until we get to the next event,
- 19 and that's the truth.
- 20 There are other -- there's a Visitor Center
- 21 that helps to generate revenue. But aside from that,
- 22 most of the events are done with grants and donations.
- 23 Last night's fireworks, it was Theo Morrison
- 24 that didn't want it to go without, and she went
- 25 door-to-door and partnered with Rotary who came out and

- 1 volunteered. But it was the passion to make sure that
- 2 Lahaina had a fireworks show. She did it on her back.
- 3 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: So then do you folks
- 4 consider yourselves the marketing arm for Lahaina?
- 5 MR. KUNITOMO: LahainaTown Action Committee,
- 6 in its mission statement, is to provide the marketing,
- 7 inclusive in the marketing has a line that states about
- 8 the host culture being one of the significant
- 9 considerations in that marketing.
- 10 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: So, do you folks
- 11 consider Halloween as -- I don't know if this is a
- 12 sensitive question, but a success story for LahainaTown
- 13 Action Committee?
- 14 MR. KUNITOMO: I think it's successful in
- 15 the fact that it's a safe environment. And you know
- 16 what is really sad, is that you really should see how
- 17 many parents come down with their kids, and they are not
- 18 here.
- 19 But there are a lot of parents pushing
- 20 strollers and stuff every year. And honestly, a lot of
- 21 them, I think, maybe that's the only day they come to
- 22 Front Street because of perception.
- So, personally, based on that kind of stuff,
- 24 that the local people are there for validation to say
- 25 that this is part of -- Front Street is part of us. So,

- 1 for me, that's a success. But as far as making money,
- 2 no.
- 3 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: And then on that
- 4 statement you just made though, so are you saying that's
- 5 a good thing they come down with their children and push
- 6 their children through Front Street during this
- 7 Halloween activity?
- 8 I mean, I don't know. Is that a good thing
- 9 or what are you suggesting on that? I am confused, I
- 10 guess.
- 11 MR. KUNITOMO: Okay. If we were here at the
- 12 event, you would see that there's a lot of misperception
- 13 about when the few wild ones are out and about. What
- 14 actually works with Rotary and Soroptimists is the
- 15 parade starts out early evening. So, you will find that
- 16 the environment from 3:00 o'clock, prior to the parade,
- 17 people rolling their strollers down the street, it is
- 18 very, very positive keiki environment.
- 19 Eddie Kamai flew over and actually
- 20 documented it, because it was that positive an
- 21 environment. The focus is to have the parade as an
- 22 entity be such a strong synergistic component that it
- 23 sets the rules.
- There is none of us that can go out and run
- 25 a dress code, but if all keiki stay around, the odd man

- 1 out feels out of place. And I honestly can say that I
- 2 pushed my kids all down all these years until about
- 3 6:30, 7:00 clock.
- 4 But my kids don't even eat in my restaurant,
- 5 because by the rules, there's this unwritten rule that
- 6 says by 7:00 clock, take 'em home. Go hit the
- 7 neighborhoods or whatever.
- 8 You know, Jim Killett's testimony about this
- 9 street over here, it's awesome. They -- the whole
- 10 neighborhood is just lined up with kids knocking on
- 11 doors. And Jim Killett personally dressed up as the
- 12 Marshmallow Man. And he does that every year, and it's
- 13 awesome. And that's all part of that environment.
- 14 But I can tell you, I personally -- my kids
- 15 have never seen that -- the stuff running around at
- 16 9:30. But if I were to say -- as a merchant observing
- 17 it, I would say up until about 7:00 clock, 7:30 some of
- 18 the parents still eating and leaving, but about there is
- 19 when it starts to turn.
- 20 And I think the majority of people come
- 21 in -- a lot of people come in around 8:30 knowing that
- 22 at that point then, it becomes more of an adult-type of
- 23 experience.
- So, to answer your question, absolutely it's
- 25 a positive thing, because it sets the tone. If not for

- 1 the Soroptimists doing their part and setting that tone
- 2 of having the families come through, this then could be
- 3 the event maybe that you are perceiving.
- 4 But because it's such a strong element --
- 5 and I really encourage you to go as principals and
- 6 people that are involved with the kids to really see how
- 7 significant it is for them. We have the schools, and
- 8 the principals, and the teachers that sit on the
- 9 sidewalk to see their kids every year.
- 10 I have seen principals. I know I can name
- 11 one of them that sits on the sidewalk to see all the
- 12 kids from years gone by. And I just wish they were
- 13 here. The principal of this school is one of them.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: You know, there was a
- 15 lot of concerns about the parade route. Maybe it's a
- 16 little bit too long. And some of the other concerns was
- 17 the timeframe. I don't know what's a good timeframe
- 18 for -- you know, the people are complaining -- I mean
- 19 not complaining, but saying that it's run too late and
- 20 stuff like that.
- 21 MS. McKELVY: It's 4:00 o'clock. It stops
- 22 at 4:00 o'clock.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: No, I am talking about
- 24 the whole thing. 4:00 o'clock is the kids' thing, and
- 25 later on it's the adult thing. And it's the adult thing

- 1 that's really getting a lot of people in this community
- 2 not so happy. Yes, sir.
- 3 OFFICER KAUHA'AHA'A: Lawrence Kauha'aha'a
- 4 with the Police Department. We have actually pushed the
- 5 time back. The permit runs till actually 2:00 o'clock
- 6 in the morning, and that's to facilitate cleanup and
- 7 that kind of thing.
- 8 The eventually, we have -- two years ago, we
- 9 tried to end it at 12:00 o'clock. We had wanted to end
- 10 it at 12:00 o'clock. The problem being we still have 25
- 11 to 30,000 people still on Front Street. If they would
- 12 go home, that would be fine, but they don't.
- And even when we do push them off of Front
- 14 Street, they end up on the back streets and the side
- 15 streets, and we have additional problems. If there was
- 16 a way to get them off of Front Street earlier, maybe
- 17 through advertising or whatever, that would actually be
- 18 beneficial.
- 19 I know there are people that work in the
- 20 hotels and get off at 10:00 o'clock, and they show up at
- 21 that time. But as far as moving the time back, that's
- 22 fine, but we, on our own side, said, okay. We are
- 23 opening the streets at 12:00, and it never happened. It
- 24 just can't happen.
- As far as the parade route, we would

- 1 actually prefer if the keiki parade finished here in the
- 2 park. The reason being that it -- by going all the way
- 3 out to Shaw Street, that's more parking we have to take
- 4 away. That's more of an area we have to patrol during
- 5 the road closure.
- 6 If we can back it up to here and have the
- 7 entire event on this side, it actually is beneficial to
- 8 us. That's an additional block and about three more
- 9 officers that we are not going to have to use to close
- 10 off that portion of Front Street. So, that would be all
- 11 right.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you. You got a
- 13 question?
- 14 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Yeah, I think we are
- 15 getting away -- we getting kind of confused up here
- 16 pertaining to the keiki event versus the adult event.
- 17 So, we have two different things.
- 18 OFFICER KAUHA'AHA'A: Yeah, you do have two
- 19 different issues, and I agree with that.
- 20 COMMISSIONER KAPU: So, I don't want to say
- 21 problem with the keiki parade, but let's not try to mix
- 22 all of them together to saying we are addressing one
- 23 whole issue.
- Secondly, a couple people brought it up
- 25 pertaining to our responsibilities to the Cultural

- 1 Resources Commission, and what we are addressing issues
- 2 right now has nothing to do with our duties as a
- 3 Commission. Nothing.
- 4 This traffic stuff, that's all the County's
- 5 kuleana, the State responsibility that impacts the
- 6 health kind of things like that. You know, all I
- 7 know -- and I know this is not going to be part of our
- 8 responsibilities or our duties to figure out where the
- 9 budget coming from for 80 officers or 90 officers. They
- 10 are coming from the public, from the community -- Maui
- 11 County.
- 12 What, that coming from the general plan?
- 13 That's not my kuleana. I am a Cultural Resources
- 14 Commissioner, and I am going to enact my duties as a
- 15 volunteer, yeah, to make sure that this town don't turn
- 16 into a Disneyland, which basically a lot of people that
- 17 came forward with comments already said it is.
- 18 Okay? So, if this here we dealing with is
- 19 the County's recommendations, I think -- you know, the
- 20 SMA, if the SMA said here, what was the bottom line from
- 21 the County? Based upon the SMA of 35,000 people going
- 22 to be impacting the Historic District for one. What
- 23 else?
- 24 Public Works comments, based upon how they
- 25 going to justify whether or not how many impact will

- 1 create on our roadways, which is a cultural concern in a
- 2 Historic District, because it talks about impact.
- 3 How we going allocate -- how we going make
- 4 sure that our kupuna, if something was to happen over
- 5 here, get one facility because we don't have one acute
- 6 center, to make sure we can get them to the hospital
- 7 from over here when we have this impact come to our
- 8 Historic District.
- 9 I am trying to stay within the scope of our
- 10 responsibilities over here. Yeah, all these kind of
- 11 things. I'm one kind of a little bit concerned about
- 12 this event. That's why I stay in the mountains. I only
- 13 come down to see family.
- But a lot of guestions need to be asked, a
- 15 lot of recommendations need to be basically forwarded,
- 16 comments that basically say if this doesn't happen, it's
- 17 going to happen anyway regardless what.
- So, I'm thinking, okay. I sitting here.
- 19 That means we failed. The CRC failed. The County
- 20 failed. Everybody failed. I like to know who is
- 21 responsible? I would like to know who is the one that
- 22 is going to be obligated, ultimately obligated or, how
- 23 would you say, the sole proprietor that will be
- 24 responsible of this? Who is the kuleana?
- 25 And I also brought up another concern based

- 1 upon the million dollar insurance that will indemnify
- 2 the County, when Lahaina Action Committee said they only
- 3 got \$10,000. Those kind of questions. Many more.
- 4 So, all I see right here is the Culture
- 5 Resources Commission, yeah, we got to turn our heads for
- 6 one rubber stamp. I not turning my head. Not no more.
- 7 Thank you.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. You got a
- 9 question.
- 10 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: My comments and my
- 11 thoughts are, you know, even as Ke'eaumoku had stated,
- 12 we think about our purpose here also. And this sheet
- 13 here is quite clear. Preserve local cultures and
- 14 traditions.
- 15 That kind of clarifies it. And, you know,
- 16 what Veronica talked about also, to perpetuate the
- 17 Hawaiian culture is a vital force in the lives of Maui
- 18 County residents, which includes everybody, not just
- 19 Lahaina, and it kind of goes down.
- 20 But the part that really I kind of key in on
- 21 is item number two. It says emphasize respect for
- 22 natural environment, family and local culture in our
- 23 island lifestyle. Subcategory A, recognize the Hawaiian
- 24 cultural as host to the rest and, as such, perpetuate an
- 25 attitude of respect and humility among residents and

- 1 visitors. And this is what the kupuna is talking about.
- 2 It doesn't come across.
- 3 However, if you go to item B, perpetuate a
- 4 respect for diversity and recognize the historic
- 5 blending of cultures and ethnicities as vital to the
- 6 quality of life within the County.
- 7 How much time has to be given before
- 8 something becomes a tradition, before it becomes
- 9 culture? I mean, we recognize other cultures here also.
- 10 I mean, Japanese, Chinese, Philippine. You can go on
- 11 and on. And so my question is, this Halloween event,
- 12 has it become a culture, or is it a tradition or history
- 13 that we would be -- you know, do we recognize that?
- 14 And along the same lines, is that something
- 15 that we would be proud of to say, ah, we come from Maui.
- 16 Oh, you from Lahaina? Yeah, Halloween, that's what we
- 17 remember you as. And so all these things I reflect on
- 18 and think about what would be best.
- 19 You know, but these are questions, and what
- 20 we want to try and preserve? What we want to try and
- 21 perpetuate? And inasmuch as much statements have been
- 22 made also as far as this event is concerned, is it
- 23 stoppable?
- I mean, you know, the answer has come from
- 25 several different -- and can't quote it, but it says

- 1 it's unstoppable at this point, but what do we want?
- 2 Second to the Maui County Fair, you can
- 3 probably walk your one year old, two year old, which is
- 4 still probably irresponsible, but at 10:00 o'clock,
- 5 11:00 o'clock, 12:00 o'clock at night at the Maui County
- 6 Fair, and you feel safe. You would be okay.
- Why is that? And that has 60,000, I mean
- 8 the total. This one night though, come 7:00 clock, it
- 9 no longer becomes a family event? I don't know. You
- 10 know, but just the questions and thoughts that run
- 11 through my mind.
- 12 But once again, for me a big question is
- 13 when does something become a cultural event when it says
- 14 item two, perpetuate a respect for diversity and
- 15 recognize the historic blending, blending of cultures.
- 16 You know, and/or can this being blended or do we look at
- 17 it as such? But this is just comments that I have.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Corporate Counsel is
- 19 not here, but maybe somebody from the planning staff can
- 20 kind of clarify what he was just trying to say about the
- 21 diversity and about the blending of cultures, because I
- 22 believe this is information from the Department. And
- 23 I'm wondering if the applicants had a copy of this, too.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Can I just comment a
- 25 little bit more, too? Because if you go to Item C, even

- 1 that whole second, it says encourage the perpetuation of
- 2 the cultures' unique island cuisine, attire, music, and
- 3 folklore.
- 4 So, does Halloween qualify for this? I
- 5 mean, you know, all those things? And indeed, the most
- 6 important, foster a spirit of pono. But that's all part
- 7 of responsibilities. Just comments. Please do think
- 8 about it.
- 9 MS. CALLENTINE: Mr. Chair, if I could,
- 10 please. This document that -- I didn't realize that
- 11 you -- what you were referring to.
- 12 This is a draft of Planning Department
- 13 recommendations to the Maui Planning Commission. And
- 14 this is pulled out of the General Plan Advisory
- 15 Commission recommendations. So, it's not actually -- it
- 16 hasn't been codified or adopted.
- 17 It's a draft that I think you are being
- 18 asked to comment on, separate from any particular other
- 19 agenda items you are considering. I just wanted to
- 20 point that out.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Thank you. I
- 22 think this is a very good draft. That's why a lot of
- 23 the Commissioners here are referring, you know, their
- 24 questions to this -- to this draft. I believe this
- 25 draft might be implemented into the GPAC.

- 1 MS. CALLENTINE: Yeah, that's my
- 2 understanding. It will go through quite a lot of review
- 3 prior to adoption, so it might be revised prior to
- 4 adoption. This is how it stands right now.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you. Question.
- 6 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Yeah, Mr. Chair. So, is
- 7 this another agenda we are looking at?
- 8 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: It would be under, I
- 9 guess, communications.
- 10 MR. SOLAMILLO: Director's report.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Any more
- 12 comments, concerns?
- Well, Commissioners, we are here to approve
- 14 or deny the request and provide recommendations. We
- 15 need a motion.
- 16 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Mr. Chair.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Yes.
- 18 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: I got just a comment
- 19 or a question. I remember growing up here on Maui also.
- 20 And back in, I guess, the late '60s, early '70s, maybe
- 21 late '60s, the Whaling Spree was here. I mean, talk
- 22 about out of hand, that was out of hand. But it was
- 23 stopped. Completely.
- 24 You know, and I don't -- I just have a -- I
- 25 write, and I said why was the Whaling Spree stopped?

- 1 And I said call Susie. Maybe she knows. I don't know.
- 2 She has history on it.
- But this is a question that I had also, but
- 4 I know it was stopped. I mean, it became just -- it
- 5 was -- it got out of hand. But all these things, and I
- 6 ask myself, well, what is the purpose of this event?
- 7 And if you hold something with a purpose,
- 8 and some people -- I mean, the comments that I have
- 9 heard, and I am sure even the Police Department are
- 10 grateful for the LahainaTown Action Committee to kind of
- 11 pull in, try to manage it, it would get out of hand.
- But, even with all the comments that I have
- 13 heard is all the questions that I wrote down myself.
- 14 People will come, even if it's not sanctioned. And if I
- 15 am operating a business as Halloween, you know, I mean,
- 16 I will organize my own thing. If everyone organized
- 17 their own, people will still come, so great that it does
- 18 fluctuate and go out into the street.
- 19 You know, good, bad or otherwise, I don't
- 20 know. We have been discussing all these things, but,
- 21 you know, these are just comments and questions that I
- 22 had, as I thought about this. It's another battle that
- 23 I run through my mind as far as, you know, all these
- 24 things.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Yes, Nani.

- 1 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: I have a comment. I
- 2 just have a question for County. So, the money that is
- 3 paid to the Police Department comes direct from the
- 4 County? And does the LahainaTown Action Committee, do
- 5 they get a grant to do this?
- 6 MR. STEWART: No.
- 7 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: I am just hearing
- 8 that you charge the food vendors, so the food vendors,
- 9 are they nonprofit?
- 10 MR. STEWART: Yes. LahainaTown Action
- 11 Committee, I believe, puts up one food booth, and the
- 12 other vendors, the other nonprofits put up three or four
- 13 others total. And then the additional booths that are
- 14 put up are for other activities such as the face
- 15 painting and the various other things that happen down
- 16 there. So, it's not all food booths. But the amounts
- 17 involved of cash coming in to help support this event
- 18 are manini. I mean, it's \$25. It's very, very small.
- 19 There are contributions -- do we get -- do
- 20 we get some business contributions around here? Most of
- 21 the event revenue actually has been from things like
- 22 T-shirt sales.
- 23 And again, I would like to echo Jerry's
- 24 apologies to you and to the rest of the community over
- 25 the -- I believe an honest but unconscious error in the

- 1 choice of the logo two years ago, and an absolute
- 2 commitment on the part of anybody organizing this to be
- 3 much more sensitive to any future logos that would be
- 4 presented on a Halloween event, let alone the T-shirts.
- 5 And also, I would want to comment that we
- 6 did pull all the T-shirts and not sell them during the
- 7 course of the two years ago event. The one --
- 8 MS. CALLENTINE: 2004.
- 9 MR. STEWART: 2004, that one we pulled all
- 10 T-shirts and took it back. So, the point is that there
- 11 is a small amount of money. There's money that comes
- 12 in, in whatever way we can scrabble it up, to be able to
- 13 help support the organizing of the event, but it is not
- 14 a moneymaker by any means.
- 15 It's basically -- in fact, very few events
- 16 that LahainaTown does are any form of moneymaker.
- 17 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: And I think the
- 18 question to the County is do you pay for the police
- 19 services at every function or this -- only this function
- 20 or this event?
- 21 MS. CALLENTINE: We cannot answer that
- 22 question. We don't know. And I don't know if the
- 23 representatives that are here from the Police Department
- 24 could actually speak to the police budget.
- MR. KUNITOMO: Theo already stated.

- 1 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Yeah, yeah, she
- 2 stated that. This is the only event.
- 3 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: This is the only
- 4 event. The only reason is because I do events on
- 5 Lana'i, and we have only two major events on the island.
- 6 And we basically get a grant, but a lot of that grant
- 7 does not cover a lot of our expenses, so we make our
- 8 money out of the vendors, you know.
- 9 And kind of like, you know, here, you know,
- 10 the County is paying for police services for this one
- 11 event. But definitely, they should be supporting all
- 12 events if they are -- you know, what makes this event to
- 13 be the special event that they are paying for the police
- 14 services, where we have to scrounge our money to be able
- 15 to -- you know, I mean, we have to comply with so much
- 16 of the rules on our island, that I see that here things
- 17 are actually lagging responsibilities.
- 18 I mean, we comply, but I think one of the
- 19 things is, you know, we have to come up -- we can't have
- 20 an event unless we -- the organizers have to come up
- 21 with the million dollar insurance, you know, and all of
- 22 that.
- 23 I mean, I think, I mean -- and we try to
- 24 support our event by opening up our doors to outer
- 25 islands. I mean, in our events, no alcohol or drugs are

- 1 allowed at all. We get, you know, the ferries to bring
- 2 people over to our event. I mean, we had 1500 people,
- 3 which is a success, but it was very well organized and
- 4 very, very well maintained.
- 5 But, I mean, we do have people coming from
- 6 here with their beers in the park, because they don't
- 7 know the difference that we don't allow alcohol. I
- 8 mean, we don't have bars. I mean, I am so glad that our
- 9 bars close down at a certain time of the evening.
- 10 But I think that was my -- my biggest
- 11 concern. I mean, it's -- and we want to -- we want to
- 12 maintain. We do Pineapple Festivals. We don't have
- 13 pineapple on the island anymore, but you know what? We
- 14 continue to have that as our signature event. We don't
- 15 have much, you know, and we use that as a family time.
- 16 I mean, I think on Maui you have more
- 17 opportunity to have access to more resources and -- but
- 18 for us to have our event, we try to keep it as a
- 19 signature event, our Pineapple Festival, our Aloha
- 20 Festival is all that we have.
- 21 But I think there was a question on the
- 22 payment of our police officers, which I think they are
- 23 very valuable, and they are -- you know, we need them,
- 24 because without them, we can't run our events.
- 25 But I think the whole concept is to keeping

- 1 it to the historical moment of, you know, the event. I
- 2 mean, I just -- you know, this is a historical town, and
- 3 I believe in supporting the historical part of the
- 4 event.
- 5 MS. KAINA: Officer Kauha'aha'a earlier said
- 6 that they get paid by the County.
- 7 MS. McKELVY: It was already an activity
- 8 that was ongoing, and the police were doubling their
- 9 forces.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: It's a regular
- 11 enforcement budget, because they are involved in every
- 12 activity down here in Lahaina, whether you see them out
- 13 front or you don't see them at all, but they are.
- 14 OFFICER KAUHA'AHA'A: It actually comes from
- 15 the police budget. It doesn't come from the County
- 16 funding. It comes from the police budget.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: It's already in their
- 18 budget.
- 19 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Mr. Chair, with all
- 20 due respect to Lahaina Action Town Committee, as well as
- 21 we as Commissioners on this table, I am going to motion
- 22 to deny the application to obtain a historical --
- 23 Historic District approval for the annual Halloween in
- 24 Lahaina.
- 25 And the reason why I am saying this is

- 1 because we are looking not toward perpetuating our
- 2 culture, we are not looking to our tradition, and if we
- 3 are responsible for part of our preservation as the host
- 4 culture, this becomes our kuleana. That's why I am
- 5 making a motion to deny to obtain Historical District
- 6 approval for the Annual Halloween Event in Lahaina.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Commissioners, motion
- 8 on the floor. Do I hear a second?
- 9 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Second.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. It's been moved
- 11 and second. The motion is now open for discussion.
- 12 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: Mr. Chairman. We
- 13 had a logo, headless horseman. I was born 30, 40 years
- 14 ago. When I was a child, that headless horseman was
- 15 only a childhood book. We read that book. It was not
- 16 offensive. It was scary as hell as someone said.
- 17 And Halloween started for children. When I
- 18 was a child, we would go from door-to-door, and it was
- 19 always -- it wasn't give me candy. It was trick or
- 20 treat, and I was kind of hoping they wouldn't give us
- 21 anything, because if they didn't, we would go soap the
- 22 windows of their car and turn their outhouse over.
- 23 That's what they had for toilets.
- And that was -- that's the way the Halloween
- 25 started. And then when I had children, we would take

- 1 them around, and I noticed when they came -- the other
- 2 children came to our house, we started seeing more
- 3 teenagers involved mixed in with the little kids. And
- 4 then they were all dressed up.
- 5 And then 10 years later, I noticed a lot of
- 6 the parents, the adults were mixing in, and they were
- 7 more dressed up than the children were. And now it's
- 8 evolved to the Lahaina Halloween thing.
- 9 I went to the Lahaina Halloween three times.
- 10 I have been here about 15 years. And I didn't
- 11 particularly want to go, because I had seen -- I had
- 12 heard discussion and a lot of exhibitionists, and I am
- 13 not an exhibitionist. So, I went because I was invited
- 14 because I wanted to be with my friend that night. She
- 15 wanted to see the people.
- 16 And we saw a little nudity.
- 17 Percentage-wise, 30,000 people, you see very few nudes,
- 18 and they kind of make a bad scene. And I take my
- 19 children -- and so I saw a little nudity. I take my
- 20 children to the beach, but I didn't take them here to
- 21 this Halloween because of the nudity. I take them to
- 22 the beach, and there's more nudity there than there is
- 23 here really, if you look at it. It's just such a small
- 24 area.
- So, I would suggest -- or what I would do,

- 1 if I had control, I would separate the two events. They
- 2 are already separated, the children's and the adults'.
- 3 I would make one in Central Maui and one here. And if
- 4 you make -- and I would reduce the length of closure on
- 5 either one of them.
- 6 But, they should be kind of separated, make
- 7 some kind of a deal, or maybe all of them would be in
- 8 Central Maui because of the traffic. And they could
- 9 raise the level of the standards of dress by limiting it
- 10 to swimming suits and no string, whatever they call
- 11 those things. Because the people, if you allow them to
- 12 have swimming suits, they would just wear a string.
- So, that's something that has to be
- 14 regulated. And we don't know who the regulators are,
- 15 but maybe it's LahainaTown Action Committee. They need
- 16 to set up these standards and say no nudity. Painted
- 17 bodies are considered nudity, and make some kind of
- 18 guidelines and raise the level. That's all I have to
- 19 say. Thank you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you.
- 21 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Just real simple. Just
- 22 so us guys don't get confused. The keiki Halloween
- 23 costume parade is not in front of us. Okay? This
- 24 Annual Halloween in Lahaina Event is in front of us,
- 25 just so we get that clear.

- 1 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Mr. Chair.
- 2 MS. CALLENTINE: Can staff clarify that?
- 3 Actually, when I look at the application -- or it's
- 4 Exhibit 1. The first activity that is proposed is the
- 5 children's costume parade organized by the Lahaina
- 6 Soroptimists and Rotary Club. So, the way I see it,
- 7 this is part of the same event. So, if you deny this
- 8 event, you are also denying that parade.
- 9 COMMISSIONER KAPU: So, there's two, maybe
- 10 three separate entities that are in front of us today?
- 11 Because the Soroptimists or Rotary, they go through a
- 12 different angle when they want to utilize the park,
- 13 basically. And the road closure -- okay. Now, help me
- 14 understand.
- 15 MS. CALLENTINE: Well, until -- when I spoke
- 16 with Theo Morrison this morning, prior to the meeting
- 17 beginning, she said to me that the children's costume
- 18 parade was not part of the LahainaTown Action Committee
- 19 application.
- 20 But I am looking at the cover letter to the
- 21 application dated May 30th, 2007, and it clearly states
- 22 that this -- the event activities proposed, the first
- 23 one is the children's costume parade.
- And as far as I can tell -- I am looking at
- 25 files that go back to 1989 here -- I haven't ever seen a

- 1 separated out permit for the keiki parade. And to my
- 2 knowledge, they have always been co-joined.
- 3 OFFICER KAUHA'AHA'A: It's a separate
- 4 permit. There's two permits. One is -- one is the --
- 5 it's a separate permit. One is applied by Soroptimists,
- 6 and they have own insurance, and they make their own
- 7 request. And the second is by LAC with their own.
- 8 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: So, that permit --
- 9 one permit is for the children's parade, and then is the
- 10 other permit --
- 11 OFFICER KAUHA'AHA'A: Is by LAC.
- MS. KAINA: There's two different entities
- 13 that are responsible for these two events.
- 14 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: I think we need a
- 15 clarification of that.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Yes.
- 17 PLANNING DIRECTOR HUNT: This meeting is a
- 18 public meeting, and it has to be recorded. So, if I
- 19 could just ask the Chair to have one person speak at one
- 20 time into the microphone just to have a little bit of
- 21 order.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. And try to --
- 23 for the record, try to say your name when you are
- 24 speaking in the mike.
- 25 OFFICER KAUHA'AHA'A: Yeah, so it is a

- 1 separate permit.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: So, the Police
- 3 Department has separate permits, but we are here with
- 4 one application for the two permits.
- 5 OFFICER KAUHA'AHA'A: Yeah, for the road
- 6 closure, it's two permits. So, what they are applying
- 7 with you folks, I don't know. But for the road closure,
- 8 it's two permits. Separate. Different.
- 9 MS. CALLENTINE: Actually, Mr. Chair, if I
- 10 could just clarify, there are multiple agencies that
- 11 have jurisdiction. The required permits are the State
- 12 Health Department requires temporary food establishment
- 13 permits for the food booth.
- 14 The Department of Parks & Recreation
- 15 requires the facility use permit for Banyon Tree Park,
- 16 and as far as I know, but I may be incorrect, Kamehameha
- 17 Iki Park. The Police Department does the road closure,
- 18 and the Cultural Resources Commission would review the
- 19 entire event as it's proposed in this package.
- The Planning Department also handles
- 21 administratively the special management area
- 22 application, the environmental assessment exemption, and
- 23 the band permit. The applicants also require, as far as
- 24 other approvals, to get permission from Waiola Church,
- 25 which it sounds like they have gotten, although it

- 1 hasn't been given in writing to the Planning Department,
- 2 and also the Department of Land and Natural Resources
- 3 for use of the Library Lawn.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you.
- 5 COMMISIONER KAPU: Mr. Chair. So, you just
- 6 gave us clarity pertaining to the permitting agencies.
- 7 I want to know who is the applicant that is talking
- 8 about the adult event versus the keiki costume. Are
- 9 they the same?
- 10 MS. CALLENTINE: From the Planning
- 11 Department's perspective, the only applicant we are
- 12 talking about right now is LahainaTown Action Committee.
- 13 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Okay. So, by no way
- 14 whatsoever they have nothing to do with this. So,
- 15 whatever the motion is on the floor, it doesn't affect
- 16 the keiki costume or does it?
- 17 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: It does.
- 18 MS. CALLENTINE: Unless you amend the motion
- 19 and approve a portion of the permit.
- 20 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Okay.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. We have a
- 22 motion. It was --
- 23 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: I have a comment
- 24 before we move on the motion. What really influenced me
- 25 a lot as far as my thinking at this point is the

- 1 directives from the Police Department, the Maui Police
- 2 Department.
- 3 Even as I look at this and to Thomas
- 4 Phillips, Chief of the Police, from Rickie Uedoi,
- 5 Sergeant, and he quotes from Auntie Patty in here. And
- 6 talking, he says, her organization is opposing the event
- 7 and is seeking to have this event shut down due to their
- 8 belief that this event has nothing to do with promoting
- 9 the historical sites and the history of Lahaina.
- 10 She mentions that the nudity, alcohol, and
- 11 drugs going on in this town is a disgrace to our island,
- 12 which is true. I mean, this happens not only in
- 13 Lahaina, this happens every day on Maui. When you
- 14 really, really think about it, what we are talking
- 15 about, we are citing one event, but this happens every
- 16 day here on Maui, but we are talking about this one
- 17 event.
- And the important part comes down a couple
- 19 paragraphs later. People will still show up in Lahaina
- 20 to show off their costumes and to admire other people's
- 21 costumes, even if no permit is issued. In being safe,
- 22 it is easier to plan for the event and allow for the
- 23 permit, so that the road can be closed to accommodate
- 24 the estimated 30,000 people that wander the streets
- 25 during Halloween in Lahaina.

- 1 With this permit, police provide over 80
- 2 uniformed officers to manage the crowd and to maintain
- 3 order during the event.
- 4 The key is this sentence, without granting
- 5 approval, potentially, you will have 30,000 people on
- 6 Front Street with five patrol beats in the Lahaina
- 7 Police Department District. And if you come down to
- 8 safety, I have never been here. I mean -- and I don't
- 9 think I ever will, but we have family that can come and
- 10 has come and will come.
- And to me, it would be irresponsible -- this
- 12 is just my opinion. It would be irresponsible not to
- 13 look at this. And if the Police Department is endorsing
- 14 it, based on that, too, that's what I am looking at the
- 15 whole safety thing. I mean, even Auntie Patty said I
- 16 know we can't close it. They still going come, and they
- 17 came before this was even brought up by the LahainaTown
- 18 Action Committee.
- 19 You know, and granted, it might be
- 20 irresponsible on my part as part of the CRC to say,
- 21 yeah, but what is more irresponsible, five police
- 22 officers versus 80?
- That's how I am taking a look at it at this
- 24 point. I mean, and let it get out of hand even worse,
- 25 or are we saying let it get out of hand, then they got

- 1 to shut it down. Or are we saying can they enforce it?
- 2 If we say no, can they enforce it? I don't know.
- 3 What's the rule on gathering? You cannot gather if you
- 4 don't have a permit. Can you arrest 30,000 people? I
- 5 mean, I don't know.
- 6 MR. MAKEKAU: Where you going put them?
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Exactly. That's what
- 8 I am going the say. And even this report in here, they
- 9 said seven percent arrested out of 30,000, and the lady
- 10 says that's wrong. Seven percent is 2100 people. No
- 11 way the Police Department can arrest. You know, the
- 12 facts and figures are wrong.
- But this one, I think the Department would
- 14 back me up on it. Is that correct, only five would be
- 15 there, Officer, if no permit is given?
- 16 OFFICER KAUHA'AHA'A: Yeah, Lawrence
- 17 Kauha'aha'a with the Maui Police Department speaking.
- 18 Five is the given amount of officers that work at any
- 19 given time. That's our normal beat. It would be
- 20 irresponsible, and we would be liable if we did that on
- 21 that evening though.
- So, needless to say, because of the event
- 23 and what's going to show up, we are going to have to
- 24 plan for it anyway. It's -- what happens during the
- 25 event, people walk up and down. There's nothing else

- 1 there, but we are going to have to respond one way or
- 2 another. And maybe it won't be 80, but we definitely
- 3 have to plan for it.
- 4 MR. MAKEKAU: Can I ask a question, please,
- 5 Mr. Chairman, to the police officer?
- 6 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Mr. Makekau.
- 7 MR. MAKEKAU: The police officers that will
- 8 be on duty that night, they are the special forces,
- 9 right? In other words, they are not scheduled to work?
- 10 Are they scheduled to work that night?
- 11 In other words, are they regular scheduled
- 12 work?
- 13 OFFICER KAUHA'AHA'A: No, the officers that
- 14 work that evening are not -- I mean, we don't have 80
- 15 people in Lahaina at any evening other than that, yeah.
- 16 So, they are not regularly scheduled, but they are
- 17 scheduled to be there. They are not called out by an
- 18 emergency or anything like that. It's planned that way
- 19 that they are going to be there that evening.
- MR. MAKEKAU: Then, in other words, in
- 21 Lahaina, we will have the regular officers be patrolling
- 22 and plus, too, there will be a lock down. I know I lock
- 23 my house. And if you don't, you are making a mistake.
- OFFICER KAUHA'AHA'A: Yeah, the patrol beats
- 25 themselves are manned separate from the event. In fact,

- 1 the event is actually run separately from the rest of
- 2 the Lahaina Patrol functions. So, they have their own
- 3 command staff here and all of it is done separate from
- 4 what happens with the regular beat.
- 5 MR. MAKEKAU: Thank you.
- 6 OFFICER KAUHA'AHA'A: You are welcome.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you. Can we get
- 8 back to the motion?
- 9 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: So, I need to amend
- 10 the first motion.
- 11 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Let me reform the second
- 12 motion that brought this up. Basically, I pull that
- 13 back.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: You are going to
- 15 rescind the second?
- 16 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Yes.
- 17 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Okay. Then I should
- 18 make a motion entertaining that -- requesting denial for
- 19 the Historic District approval for the Annual Halloween
- 20 in Lahaina Event to take place within the Historic
- 21 District, number one, at the Banyon Tree Park, the
- 22 Library Lawn, Baldwin House, Campbell Park, Kamehameha
- 23 Iki Park, and along Front Street from Baker to Shaw at
- 24 Maui Tax Map Keys (2) 4-601: 07, 09, 10, and 999
- 25 portion, 4-6-07 portion, 999 portion, 4-6-08: 06 & 07,

- 1 and 4-6-02:10, Lahaina, Maui, yet with the exception of
- 2 allowing the keiki costume parade to be entertained.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Stan, do you have
- 4 something?
- 5 MR. SOLAMILLO: No.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. The motion has
- 7 been amended to --
- 8 MS. CALLENTINE: I think you need a second,
- 9 Mr. Chair.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Yeah. Was that
- 11 your --
- 12 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: That was my motion
- 13 amended or my first motion.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Do I hear a second?
- 15 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Second.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: It's been moved and
- 17 second. So, I open for discussion. The motion has been
- 18 changed for just the -- it's been amended to where there
- 19 was denial for the Annual Halloween Lahaina Event, and
- 20 it was amended to just have the keiki costume parade
- 21 only. And it's been a second. Do you have a question?
- 22 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: Mr. Chairman, it
- 23 appears to me that whether they get a permit or not,
- 24 it's going to be hell, because the police force is going
- 25 to come there. So, what difference does it make at this

- 1 point, just that they are overpowering the situation?
- 2 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: I understand where you
- 3 are coming from. This is my personal feeling about it.
- 4 We can get back to a -- to when we had the Whaler's
- 5 event. It was because there wasn't any organization in
- 6 Lahaina that wanted to take on that whole project and
- 7 move them forward.
- 8 Here we have the Halloween thing. We had a
- 9 lot of people at the beginning that was totally against
- 10 it, but we have an organization that stepped forward and
- 11 says let's try work it out, let's try work with the
- 12 Police Department, and let's have something that where
- 13 we can control it.
- 14 As we all know, it started off without a
- 15 permit, and it was really radical. I have been to three
- 16 of these Halloween parades, and I think I have been to
- 17 the second one, and it was wild. And it was radical.
- 18 This is why I believe the people in
- 19 Lahaina -- the LahainaTown Action Committee got together
- 20 and says let's keep this thing under control. And this
- 21 is why I think for 24 years, they have worked real hard
- 22 with the different County departments, with the Police
- 23 Department, with the emergency departments, Highways
- 24 Department. I mean, all the people that is involved in
- 25 this thing, it was -- it has come from a point of no

- 1 return to a point of control.
- 2 You know, I don't think it's -- you know, we
- 3 are worrying about cultural things. We are talking
- 4 about the host culture. Well, if you are Hawaiian, the
- 5 host culture, you didn't have clothes before. It's the
- 6 missionary mentality that came to Hawaii and told us to
- 7 put clothes on. But few natives, little bright, okay?
- 8 I don't look at -- you know, if it's painted, if you
- 9 guys seen some of this nudity down here, it's a painted
- 10 on top. It's a painted on bottom.
- 11 But like Lon was saying, the people who will
- 12 advertise these things could put all those restrictions
- 13 on them. You know, the nudity is one of the things that
- 14 are really killing everybody. I cannot say that,
- 15 because -- because I'm -- you know, I grew up in a town
- 16 just 30 years ago, and a lot of adults and a lot of
- 17 kids, we went swimming all naked. And it wasn't a
- 18 problem.
- 19 Today, when I listen to Hawaiians talk
- 20 about, oh, the nudity is bad, they forgetting their
- 21 culture. They forgetting where they came from. I look
- 22 at it as a missionary mentality to come Hawaii tell us,
- 23 oh, Hawaiians, pull on clothes, you know, because it's
- 24 bad.
- And the Hawaiians, in their pure minds, are

- 1 looking at this and going what's so bad about my body?
- 2 Today, it's that mentality that makes people shame of
- 3 their body. Hawaiians shouldn't be shame of their body.
- 4 That is why the men wore malo, and that is why the
- 5 female walked around topless.
- 6 And there was still people 30 years ago,
- 7 when they went to the beach -- I mean, talking about my
- 8 aunties and stuff. They are all topless. And you go to
- 9 the South Pacific Islands, there's still people out
- 10 there walking around all topless.
- 11 And this is where curfew comes in. It's
- 12 really important is that the kids have their session.
- 13 Go take them home and go trick or treat. Now it's the
- 14 adult session.
- But, you know, I can see you guys' concerns.
- 16 It's the mind thing that makes things look bad, but we
- 17 have to have some kind control on it. It's a cultural
- 18 thing. It might not be a Hawaiian culture, but we live
- 19 with all different variety of cultural people here. You
- 20 know, we cannot just -- you know, we cannot just forget
- 21 about the other nationalities. You know, if we going to
- 22 deny this thing or whether we approve it, to me, the
- 23 denial part would be more devastating, because we would
- 24 have no control. No control.
- 25 If we approve it, at least we can put some

- 1 control in it. We can put recommendations in 'em. The
- 2 organization that is involved in 'em and all the County
- 3 Departments that is involved in 'em, I know we can sit
- 4 down and make this thing safe and remove a lot of nudity
- 5 stuff.
- 6 I remember three years ago, my uncles first
- 7 time they came to this Halloween parade, because they
- 8 came for the fishing tournament. Had the big jackpot
- 9 tournament, and they didn't know that the ladies in the
- 10 bar standing next to them was all nude, until my uncle
- 11 looked down, and he was -- you know, he almost got into
- 12 one big fight. And the police had to come there,
- 13 because there was a painted on costumes.
- 14 Lahaina Action Committee, the people
- 15 advertising this Halloween parade all over the world on
- 16 the internet today. This is where you guys can control
- 17 all that.
- 18 I think Maui Police Department, it's not a
- 19 matter of who is paying who or who is on duty. I think
- 20 they are looking at the safety of our community. That's
- 21 all it is. You know, if they didn't care, yeah, send
- 22 the five guys down there. Let people run around there
- 23 running over people and digging up on people.
- But, you know, I have been to the Mardi
- 25 Gras, too, in the early '70s, and it was wild. I went

- 1 back there a year before Katrina came in, and it was
- 2 still wild, but it wasn't wild at first. But majority
- 3 of the people live there, they schedule vacation during
- 4 the Mardi Gras, because same with the local people are
- 5 saying. The traffic is out of hand. The people that
- 6 comes there don't have respect for their place.
- 7 You know, it's an activity that we here in
- 8 Lahaina feel the struggle. And it's somehow we need to
- 9 work together in addressing the concerns. It's
- 10 important. Everybody has an important say today here,
- 11 because it is our community. It is our island.
- 12 But how we going -- you know, how we going
- 13 massage the problems so that everything can become safe
- 14 and, you know, education in the whole process. It's
- 15 difficult for me, because, you know, I feel like I want
- 16 to deny this thing, you know, but I got to be fair. As
- 17 the Chair of this Commission, I got to be fair. I got
- 18 to listen to everybody, and I got to weigh out the pros
- 19 and the cons.
- Not because I'm Hawaiian I would deny this
- 21 thing, okay. You guys have heard how I feel about the
- 22 nudity stuff and about being native. Native to me is
- 23 being free. I can walk around on the beach. That's my
- 24 place. I go out how I want to go out. You don't like
- 25 it, you in the wrong place. Okay? That's my feelings

- 1 now. I have that whole Commission here that's going to
- 2 decide this thing today. Okay.
- 3 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: Chair, can I saying
- 4 something?
- 5 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Yes.
- 6 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: Yes, and as a
- 7 Commissioner, I really feel -- you know, part of it is
- 8 we want to have celebrations within our island, but I
- 9 think for all of our kupuna that live, this is their
- 10 island. You know, I mean, I think those that live here
- 11 in Lahaina, I think -- what it is, it's the respect.
- 12 And like it says here, you know, it's not
- 13 pono. So, how can we get two sides to come to a
- 14 conclusion and make it pono and understanding that, yes,
- 15 we have to have celebration. I mean, you know, I work
- 16 in Lana'i, and I do two major events, but I try to do
- 17 more, you know. And I have to be diverse, because we
- 18 have multi-cultures on our island.
- 19 But how can we work together to make the
- 20 events happen, you know, and right. You know, the
- 21 hardest part is we are Hawaiians, and we are the host
- 22 culture. And I think I want to, you know, respect our
- 23 kupuna and share ideas.
- 24 Because to take on -- for an organization to
- 25 take on a community event is not easy, because of the

- 1 fact -- I mean, I am a one person, and I am going to get
- 2 flack from people. But the thing is, I have to go with
- 3 the majority of -- you know, I come together and work
- 4 together as a community.
- 5 And I have to say that working on Lana'i has
- 6 been wonderful, because I coming together with
- 7 community, with the Police Department, making things
- 8 right. Because if you don't make things right,
- 9 everything is going to not happen.
- 10 But, for the LahainaTown Action Committee, I
- 11 know it's -- or whoever takes on any -- any kind of
- 12 event, you are going to get -- you know, it's not easy.
- 13 I mean, you are going to be the target. But I think if
- 14 we want to continue positive events or activities within
- 15 our islands or Maui County, how can you work together?
- MR. KUNITOMO: Can I respond to that?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: He's the applicant.
- 18 Yeah.
- 19 MR. KUNITOMO: Sorry. Jerry Kunimoto again.
- 20 You know that LAC has 10 other events that it puts on,
- 21 because I just wanted to clarify that the question --
- 22 the line of questioning you are asking about the police,
- 23 the nine other events, LAC does facilitate all of that,
- 24 and we share exact same concerns.
- To clarify the amendment though, now we have

- 1 to look at the structure, because LAC's membership --
- 2 talk about being stuck between a rock and a hard place.
- 3 LAC really only facilitating this thing. And I
- 4 restating that possession. I work really closely with
- 5 these guys on a day-to-day basis, so for me to step in
- 6 at Halloween as one -- and they can tell you that safety
- 7 is, you know, something that we work on day after day in
- 8 Lahaina.
- 9 But according to the motion, I would be
- 10 irresponsible to the membership, serving as the
- 11 president, to say that, okay, if you approve the keiki
- 12 part, the toilets, the stuff -- all the stuff that the
- 13 membership is facilitating, I cannot speak on that
- 14 behalf, because the keiki part is just part of the
- 15 whole.
- What they asking me is what has been for all
- 17 this time, and it was the keiki parade and adult time.
- 18 If you split 'em up, I don't know if LAC can meet what
- 19 you are asking. If you cut 'em up, if we are going to
- 20 do the toilets and all the other stuff, because it's
- 21 everything put together.
- The few dollars may pay the toilet, pay up
- 23 the Little League that makes the businesses supportive
- 24 and so on and so forth. But in the end, if the
- 25 businesses then said, you know, we are on our own then,

- 1 then what we going to do? What if everybody run their
- 2 own ad in the paper, and they all start to run -- I just
- 3 wanted to remind everybody, LAC is just purely trying to
- 4 facilitate this thing for everybody. Not a lot of
- 5 benefit.
- 6 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Mr. Chair.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Yes.
- 8 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: All I want us to
- 9 understand is it's nothing where it's teaching about our
- 10 tradition and our culture. It's not teaching us nothing
- 11 this Halloween. And I think that is what the kupuna is
- 12 trying to explain, too. The thing not teaching us
- 13 nothing.
- 14 What we preserving under this event?
- 15 Nothing. I am going to stand by my motion, and it's
- 16 your guys' kuleana to figure it out on how you guys
- 17 going to make this event happen with the kupuna. You
- 18 guys got to kuka kuka.
- 19 How long this going on already? Many years
- 20 went by. You guys didn't invite this kupuna to sit down
- 21 and talk about how you guys going to do things, and yet
- 22 they put you in the position to come face this. I
- 23 cannot -- I cannot digest this right now, because we are
- 24 not -- we are not talking about the money. We are not
- 25 talking about the nakedness. We are talking about what?

- 1 Preserving our culture and our tradition. That's what
- 2 we here for. Simple.
- We are going all around the block about the
- 4 keikis' event, adult event. I don't hear nothing about
- 5 somebody doing one Hawaiian entertainment during this
- 6 event, or doing one little halau action about
- 7 preservation of our culture in this event. Nothing.
- 8 With that, Mr. Chair, I will still stand by
- 9 my motion, and you guys figure it out.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Any more
- 11 discussions?
- 12 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: Okay. So, this is
- 13 for Commissioners. With the amended motion, are we
- 14 still there? We are still there?
- Okay. What's going to happen, if I get this
- 16 mana'o right, it will keep the children's costume
- 17 parade, yes? It strikes out music and entertainment,
- 18 strikes out artisans and food, strikes out adult costume
- 19 contest, and strikes out event souvenirs; is that right
- 20 so far? Is that what the amended motion is?
- 21 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: The motion, yeah, we
- 22 are denying -- we are denying -- the motion is to deny
- 23 to obtain -- where am I now? Deny to obtain the
- 24 Historical District Approval for the Annual Halloween
- 25 Event in Lahaina.

- 1 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: I am just reading
- 2 this request administrative approval to whole -- this
- 3 whole mana'o. Do we all understand what the amended
- 4 motion means? That's why I asked that. I read it
- 5 straight out the pala pala. Chair, is that correct?
- 6 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Yeah, to allow the
- 7 keiki event.
- 8 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: And that's it.
- 9 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: The Halloween stuff
- 10 going to happen whether we like it or not anyway.
- 11 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: Thank you.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. We got to make
- 13 sure that on that motion, the first aid and all those
- 14 other agencies are going to be there. And we got to
- 15 make sure that the toilet facilities are provided, and
- 16 that whether just the five police officers are going to
- 17 be --
- 18 COMMISIONER KAPU: I have a question. Well,
- 19 basically, maybe some clarity. Maybe looking for some
- 20 clarity. But this other group that's doing the parade
- 21 is not in front of us. LahainaTown Action Committee is
- 22 in front of us.
- Now, if we worrying about something else
- 24 that is not in front of us, trying to adjudicate
- 25 ourselves by looking at whether or not the Is and the Ts

- 1 are dotted and crossed, we have nothing in front of us.
- 2 But, they already -- the other group for the
- 3 keiki, don't they have the permits?
- 4 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: Yeah.
- 5 COMMISSIONER KAPU: They have the permits.
- 6 So, nothing stops them.
- 7 Now, if there's a concern on the County's
- 8 behalf based upon per se -- because you got to
- 9 understand the parade starts at 4:00, and they walk down
- 10 Front Street. Just like the Aloha Parade. It starts
- 11 down at Baker all the way down on the end and it's done.
- Worrying about all these other little
- 13 things, pertaining to bathrooms and water facilities,
- 14 and all these kinds of things, they are not in front of
- 15 us. LahainaTown Action Committee is in front of us. I
- 16 don't know.
- 17 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Go ahead, Kalei.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Kalei.
- 19 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Mr. Chair. This is
- 20 for the public. As we go round and round, the Sunshine
- 21 Law governs us. This is the first time we can talk
- 22 about this. So, you folks are seeing actually what we
- 23 are talking about first time.
- We cannot gather and just talk about this on
- 25 our own. So, you guys got to bear with us. This is

- 1 what you get. This is what we get. We have never
- 2 talked about this before. We cannot. You guys got to
- 3 hear everything we talk about.
- 4 To me, it's also kind of, you know,
- 5 irresponsible in all these agencies and groups that come
- 6 in -- I mean, Public Works comes in and the comment is
- 7 we are not in charge of parking? I mean, what is that?
- 8 You know, nothing from the -- well, the
- 9 Police Department, they are here, and they are on
- 10 letterhead everything as far as what they said. The
- 11 Fire couldn't. You know, they had to go respond.
- 12 The Arborist Committee, Parks -- was Parks
- 13 here? I mean, you know, everything is -- the problem
- 14 with all these things today is that it's given to us to
- 15 make the decision today, within the short amount of time
- 16 that we have met to get all the way across.
- 17 And you know, and maybe to the public, we
- 18 kind of look irresponsible. You folks need to know this
- 19 is the first time we are ever talking about this
- 20 together that we can. You guys hear first time what we
- 21 go through.
- For me, once again, the whole things comes
- 23 down -- well, not the whole thing, but a lot of it. A
- 24 couple questions once again. Part of it, we are the
- 25 host culture. But like I said, yeah, I am half Korean.

- 1 So, what I going tell the Koreans? Sorry, you guys
- 2 cannot.
- 3 But we accept all these different cultures,
- 4 and it says we are looking for their plan. So, my
- 5 question is, listen to the question. Is this Halloween
- 6 event now a historical event? Is it culture for Maui?
- If we don't want to accept that, then, yeah.
- 8 But is it? You got to answer the question. You may not
- 9 like it, but if it talks about that we got to be able to
- 10 blend and talk about these things, if we can talk about
- 11 it, that is a question.
- 12 But to me it comes down once again, the
- 13 whole safety thing with the officers. According to what
- 14 it says, yeah, I want deny. But to me it comes down is
- 15 I want the officers there. What the LahainaTown Action
- 16 Committee has done to me to try and manage has been
- 17 good, you know.
- 18 You want my honest opinion? Get rid of
- 19 alcohol. We cannot do that. I have never drank. I
- 20 have never smoked. I don't understand that either. But
- 21 then again, also, I have never been here to Halloween.
- 22 I don't understand it an either, you know. So, I don't
- 23 know.
- But to me the solution is way different, but
- 25 we got to be able to accept differences. That's what

- 1 it's all about, you know, to be able to accept
- 2 differences. And so, you know, that's what I'm looking
- 3 at this point is just the whole safety factor, in that
- 4 the Police Department is willing, even at that point.
- 5 I mean, we got more things written from them
- 6 than anybody, and nobody else has come forward, even
- 7 community groups and things that says -- well, I am
- 8 sorry. We have had, you know. But to me, they going to
- 9 come. I agree. If there's a way we can say, yeah, like
- 10 I said before, if we can just completely stop it, shut
- 11 it down, I don't know. I don't think you can.
- 12 But like I said, the Whaling Spree Week,
- 13 that was done. But there's a lot of repercussion.
- 14 People are going to be staying in hotels. People are
- 15 going to eating food. The economy goes up. Somehow, we
- 16 got to have a follow-up on this. We got to critique.
- 17 And the people that make revenue of this
- 18 have to give back to the community some way, form, or
- 19 another. And that's -- you know, we haven't even talked
- 20 about guidelines. What Lon said is correct. And we
- 21 moving on this already. We just jumping.
- You know, we jumping already, because we
- 23 feel like we are being pushed again to make a decision
- 24 on this. But, anyway, that's my comments for now,
- 25 Mr. Chair.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you. Okay.
- 2 Yes.
- 3 PLANNING DIRECTOR HUNT: I thought I'd just
- 4 remind the Commission of the Department's recommendation
- 5 and a little background.
- We met last year, because there were some
- 7 concerns expressed. And this permit has been approved
- 8 administratively for years on end. We felt, well,
- 9 because there's some concerns, let's bring it to the
- 10 Commission, so that's why we are here today.
- We understood those concerns, and we thought
- 12 it warranted a public hearing. It's important to
- 13 remember that the road closure was originally initiated
- 14 as part of a public safety issue. The police said that
- 15 it's not safe to have people walking down the middle of
- 16 the street with traffic. So, that was a public safety
- 17 issue. That wasn't a permitting issue.
- 18 It wasn't the LahainaTown Action Committee.
- 19 It wasn't a Planning Department. It was a public safety
- 20 issue, and I think you should keep that in mind.
- 21 The Department's recommending that rather
- 22 than shut down the -- rather than not allow the road to
- 23 be shut down, is to try and work with the Town Action
- 24 Committee or direct the Town Action Committee to address
- 25 the concerns that you heard expressed.

- 1 Last year, they did some attempts to address
- 2 it. Some examples is they sent us their logo last year
- 3 before the permit. Now, it was late. It was in
- 4 September or something, but they made an attempt. There
- 5 is conversation today that let's make that a condition
- 6 of approval. They send the logo to the Planning
- 7 Department, so you can review it.
- 8 Some other actions they did last year was
- 9 they changed the salsa band to an Air Force Academy
- 10 Band. The salsa band it felt with the skimpy outfits
- 11 and music and dancing and gyrating, that was leading to
- 12 Mardi Gras atmosphere. And they replaced that with a
- 13 very conservative Air Force Band.
- So, they are making some attempts to tone
- 15 things down. They also, again, pulled the ads calling
- 16 it the Mardi Gras. They didn't refer to that. Now,
- 17 again, free speech, we can't control the hotels and the
- 18 restaurants, but the Action Committee did that.
- And people I talked to, some of the younger
- 20 people I work with who go to it year after year, they
- 21 said last year was tamer than what they had been to in
- 22 the past. So, maybe -- maybe those efforts are working,
- 23 and maybe if we continue with those efforts, it will
- 24 continue to work.
- So, again, the Department's recommendation

- 1 would be to put some recommendations of approval
- 2 addressing the concerns, monitor the situation, and
- 3 direct the Action Committee to tame it down, to work on
- 4 these concerns, to work with the kupuna to address the
- 5 nudity issue rather than deny the permit.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Ke'eaumoku.
- 7 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Mr. Chair, we have a
- 8 motion on the floor.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Yes.
- 10 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Okay. Mr. Chair,
- 11 hearing these various comments from the Planning
- 12 Department as well as the bodies here, I am going to
- 13 rescind my decision -- my motion and defer it only on
- 14 the condition that the Lahaina Action Town Committee, as
- 15 well as Na Kupuna O Maui and the various organizations,
- 16 come to one consensus on how to make this work.
- 17 That's my motion, my new motion. So, by the
- 18 next time we have a meeting in August 2nd, then
- 19 everything -- all these little fires kind of would be
- 20 settled already. The Rotary Club and the --
- 21 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: A representative.
- 22 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: -- the rest of the
- 23 parties gathered together and make a decision. That's
- 24 the motion right now, to rescind my decision as far as
- 25 the denial for the application, with the condition it be

- 1 deferred to the August 2nd meeting with an answer with
- 2 the bodies to be presented.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Do I hear a
- 4 second?
- 5 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: I will second.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. It's been
- 7 seconded. Some discussion before we vote on this issue.
- 8 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: So, are we moving to
- 9 defer with the -- with all these things that Perry had
- 10 mentioned? Okay.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: And also because
- 12 there's a lot of the information that we had today in
- 13 our questions and so forth, that we would have more
- 14 information by the next -- by the next time we convene
- 15 on this agenda item.
- 16 COMMISSIONER KAPU: He rescinded his motion,
- 17 so I have to rescind my motion. I am just asking for
- 18 clarity. Where is Corporate Counsel now?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: On the motion that he
- 20 made was seconded by Ke'eaumoku. Ke'eaumoku needs to
- 21 rescind his second, because the new defer motion he made
- 22 was seconded by Lee.
- 23 PLANNING DIRECTOR HUNT: The originator of
- 24 the first motion, if he withdraws his motion, that
- 25 effectively kills that motion.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay.
- 2 COMMISSIONER KAPU: There's been a lot of
- 3 motions and rescinding of motions all day today. I
- 4 think we got one more thing on the agenda, but just one
- 5 more thing for clarity. I think needs a little bit more
- 6 juice inside here pertaining to recommendations.
- 7 Yeah, what kind of recommendations? I mean,
- 8 for one, maybe we want one recommendation cut and clean
- 9 that we find out who wants to be obligated to take
- 10 responsibility to this event every year, or even be
- 11 asked to be a part of this event every year, yeah?
- 12 I mean, every merchant in this town is
- 13 making beaucoups at our expense and yours, the County,
- 14 yeah. And we have nothing to show for it. You know,
- 15 recommendation, I like see one police report and one
- 16 assessment based upon what happens in this town.
- 17 Maybe the Fire Department, maybe the
- 18 paramedics. How many alcohol abuse or drug abuse, how
- 19 many people went falling down on the street, stuff like
- 20 that.
- 21 What else kind recommendations we can place
- 22 out there? I look inside this book, and the arborist,
- 23 the County arborist gave more recommendations for save
- 24 one tree than we get recommendations for how an event
- 25 like this will happen. I wish I was one tree. I know I

- 1 going -- I going live past everybody over here.
- 2 You guys seen the list, A through J. That's
- 3 the recommendation from the arborist. Another thing,
- 4 something my uncle forgot to mention, but the cruise
- 5 ships is an impact, land impact as well as road impact.
- 6 Ocean impact. The cruise ships come in around that same
- 7 time, too? How many cruise ships, one, two, three?
- 8 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: Three.
- 9 COMMISSIONER KAPU: The only reason why I
- 10 so -- because I live in this town. And as a Cultural
- 11 Resources Commissioner, yeah, I see the madness going
- 12 on. But, I got to ho'o malimali and pono myself, and
- 13 make sure that everybody has a fair opportunity, yeah,
- 14 and just, but at the same time I got to bite my tongue
- 15 all the time.
- So, I think we all got to clean up our mess
- 17 that we created. And I wasn't here when the first
- 18 Cultural Resources Commission allowed this mess to
- 19 happen. I wish I was.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Thank you,
- 21 Ke'eaumoku. The motion is for the deferral.
- 22 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: With the deferment of
- 23 this mana'o, and you are looking at August. Let's be
- 24 real, people. That means the next meeting --
- 25 MR. SOLAMILLO: August 2.

- 1 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: Thank you, Stan,
- 2 August 2nd. Then you look at the tame frame, August 2.
- 3 You got September and here comes Halloween. I think
- 4 this is for the Action Committee.
- What am I asking? I am asking does this
- 6 make any sense to have it on the agenda for August, or
- 7 are you folks -- looking like somebody wants to say
- 8 something over there. I don't know where is the man. I
- 9 am just trying to be real here, because time, you know.
- 10 Can someone from that end comment?
- 11 MS. McKELVY: Well, I think it might be a
- 12 little late. I'm speaking on behalf of the LAC and the
- 13 Rotary.
- 14 Sorry. Joan McKelvey. I think that might
- 15 be a little late. Do you think so, Kent? It might be a
- 16 little late. On behalf of LAC and Lahaina Rotary,
- 17 because we sponsor the keiki parade, and I think
- 18 August 2nd might be way too late if you decide to stop
- 19 it. Everything is underway. It's underway now as far
- 20 as the organization and for the event.
- 21 And, you know, one more thing remember. I
- 22 see -- hear people saying that it's like our event. It
- 23 is not our event. The event, as you call it, was
- 24 already happening big time. All LAC did was come and
- 25 bring a little order to the event and a little control

- 1 to make it safe and make it enjoyable, and it is
- 2 enjoyable. So, that's what I have to say.
- 3 MR. SOLAMILLO: No, no, no. No more
- 4 statements. Applicant, from the applicant.
- 5 MS. CALLENTINE: Public testimony is closed.
- 6 PLANNING DIRECTOR HUNT: There's a question
- 7 for the applicant.
- 8 MR. STEWART: Kent Stewart, and I'm what
- 9 remains of the interim executive team of LahainaTown
- 10 Action Committee right now that Jerry had to depart.
- 11 I think it is important that some, if at all
- 12 possible, decision be made today because of the
- 13 increasing difficulties of bringing the planning
- 14 together for this. And it becomes much more challenging
- 15 as we move into late August and September for us to be
- 16 able to provide the optimal support of this thing, and,
- 17 also, to put into place the small things that help us
- 18 pull together the \$10,000 that we do spend to make this
- 19 event occur.
- 20 So, I would only -- I would only hope that
- 21 this not be something that is stretched out for too long
- 22 and for too long. Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Charlie, Charlie. We
- 24 have a motion, and the question is to the applicants.
- Okay. Any more discussions before we vote

- 1 on the motion? Commissioners? I see that we have no
- 2 more. The motion is for the deferral. All in favor
- 3 raise your right hand.
- 4 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: To defer it.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: For the deferral.
- 6 (Commissioner Artates raised his hand.)
- 7 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Who second?
- 8 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: He doesn't have to
- 9 vote either way.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: So, the motion is
- 11 not -- we need to make a new motion.
- 12 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: Ready for a new
- 13 motion.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Yes.
- 15 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: I make a motion that
- 16 we approve the request for the Annual Halloween at
- 17 Lahaina Event to take place within the Historic District
- 18 No. 1.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Your motion is for the
- 20 total package?
- 21 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: Yes, what they are
- 22 asking for.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Do I hear a
- 24 second?
- 25 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: I will second.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. It has been
- 2 moved and second for approval. Final discussion. No
- 3 discussions. All in favor raise your right hand.
- 4 (Commissioners Whelchel and Moikeha raised
- 5 their hands.)
- 6 Okay. We have two. All opposed raise your
- 7 left hand.
- 8 (Commissioners Kapu, Artates, Marquez and
- 9 Watanabe raised their hands.)
- 10 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Any Commissioners want
- 11 to introduce another motion?
- 12 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Mr. Chair, I still
- 13 entertain that we defer this action until August. In
- 14 the meanwhile, these various groups that are here today
- 15 take an opportunity to hash out their differences and
- 16 come before this body on August 2nd.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Second? Do we have a
- 18 second? He's introducing a deferral again. Do we have
- 19 a second? The motion didn't pass, so --
- 20 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: Because we didn't
- 21 have the number.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: You guys voted only
- 23 two and four, and so now we got to introduce another new
- 24 motion. And he just asked for -- the motion is to defer
- 25 this thing again.

- 1 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: Can I ask a
- 2 question?
- 3 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Wait. Do we have a
- 4 second on the deferral, and then we will open them up to
- 5 discussion. No second, so it dies. Nani.
- 6 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: Yes. For the
- 7 applicant, I guess the LTAC is concerned because of the
- 8 fact that it's going to be past the deadline for the
- 9 application. Is it the 90 days? Do they need 90 days,
- 10 right, to submit for a --
- 11 MS. CALLENTINE: The Planning Department
- 12 conditioned last year's permit that they apply 90 days
- 13 prior to the event, which they have done, so that is not
- 14 a question.
- 15 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: Oh, so it's okay.
- 16 MS. CALLENTINE: Look, Mr. Chair. I am
- 17 sorry. Can I speak up on behalf of all the people,
- 18 including yourself, who have been sitting here for many,
- 19 many hours without a break?
- We have a lot of staff who are working hard
- 21 and -- or some staff anyway who are working hard. And I
- 22 am not certain that we can get any more productive prior
- 23 to having a little restroom refreshment break.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay.
- 25 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: We can vote on this

- 1 if we get somebody to make a motion if you would like
- 2 and be done with it.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: I mean, he had the
- 4 motion.
- 5 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: He didn't get a
- 6 second. It died.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Didn't get a second,
- 8 so it died. And right now we are asking for a
- 9 five-minute break.
- 10 MR. SOLAMILLO: You ought to take lunch.
- 11 MS. CALLENTINE: Or take a lunch break.
- 12 It's almost 3:30.
- 13 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Take a break.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: But we got to see if
- 15 we are going to have quorum, too, after that time,
- 16 because it's -- and you needed to be someplace, I think.
- 17 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: Question.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Question. Go ahead.
- 19 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: Question, because I
- 20 am learning. Can we end the meeting?
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: No, we got to deal
- 22 with this.
- 23 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: Oh, and then you are
- 24 saying if there's no quorum, then it's ended.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Right, but right now

- 1 we have a quorum, so --
- 2 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: We could vote on
- 3 this as long as we have a quorum and get it over with.
- 4 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: We need to make a new
- 5 motion.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Yeah, someone needs to
- 7 make a new motion.
- 8 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: Yeah, different
- 9 motion.
- 10 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Okay. I got one
- 11 question, Mr. Chair. CRC may approve or deny the
- 12 request and provide recommendations, yeah, may. So, is
- 13 it important that it comes in the form of a motion?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: It needs to, yeah.
- 15 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Including all
- 16 recommendations from us?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: (Nods head.)
- 18 COMMISSIONER KAPU: So, going down the
- 19 recommendation, what's the recommendations that
- 20 basically we are going to be voting on?
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: I mean, it's really up
- 22 to us. We can add 10, 20 recommendations, but this is
- 23 why I felt it was very important on Perry's motion that
- 24 we defer this thing, so that we can come up with the
- 25 recommendations, and we can try to help the

- 1 organizations to try and come up with something workable
- 2 in the next meeting.
- But then it's really up to you guys. That
- 4 is why we want to have a lunch break, too. But if you
- 5 guys decide you have a motion right now, we will do that
- 6 and then take our lunch break, if not -- Kalei.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Mr. Chair, just a
- 8 quick question. So, if we deny the permit, Front Street
- 9 will stay open, correct, to vehicular traffic, or you
- 10 folks have the right to shut it down?
- 11 OFFICER KAUHA'AHA'A: Lawrence Kauha'aha'a
- 12 with the Police Department again. Yeah, we do have the
- 13 right to shut it down. And actually, listening to all
- 14 this, I have been involved with Halloween from its
- 15 inception. I started the police work in '87 and worked
- 16 every Halloween since they have shut it down except for
- 17 last year.
- 18 I understand what you are saying as far as
- 19 the nudity, and I really appreciate the support we
- 20 received here today. But, a few tents and some
- 21 concessions don't equal nudity. So, as far as that
- 22 goes, that's -- that doesn't really equate.
- You know, last year there was a suggestion,
- 24 and I think it came from Auntie Patty about having Na
- 25 Kupuna come out and walk Front Street during that

- 1 period.
- 2 And you know, that's interesting. We do
- 3 some after action reports, Mr. Kapu. And it does state
- 4 what type of arrests and what happens there. Like
- 5 everything else in this town, we depend on our
- 6 community. You are our eyes and ears to tell us what's
- 7 happened.
- 8 When you have -- and I appreciate your math,
- 9 because we figured it's about 400 people per officer.
- 10 We can't see everything, but we actually haven't had
- 11 anybody come up to us and say, you know what? That
- 12 person right there is naked. That's body paint. That's
- 13 not a costume.
- We can work with you and work with whatever
- 15 organization that wants to be involved in this. But,
- 16 like you said, the street is -- I would, especially with
- 17 an event like this, especially this late, we probably
- 18 have to shut it, because people are going to show up.
- 19 You know, when they shut down the Whaling
- 20 Spree, that was 30, 40 years ago. People were different
- 21 then. They listened to authority. They had respect,
- 22 and when somebody said you shut 'em down, they are not
- 23 coming now. Would they do that now? I don't know. So,
- 24 we have to be prepared. That's what would probably
- 25 happen.

- 1 The reason we had to shut it down, people
- 2 were leaving their cars on Front Street, and the road
- 3 got shut anyway. And that's what created the block
- 4 party atmosphere. We couldn't even get the tow trucks
- 5 to get them out anymore. That's when we entertained
- 6 working with LahainaTown Action.
- What they have is actually this portion
- 8 here. Whatever else is happening on the entire Front
- 9 Street has nothing to do with their tents, with their
- 10 music, whatever. If you did shut that down, that would
- 11 be gone. There would be no restrooms. There would be
- 12 none of that, but we would have the people.
- 13 If we could make them not come at all, that
- 14 remains to be seen. But, we would work with whatever
- 15 organization. I know they said last year they wanted to
- 16 come out. Na Kupuna was going to walk Front Street. We
- 17 got a memorandum to that effect, but nobody ever
- 18 actually contacted us. But we are willing to work with
- 19 whomever, if that makes the decision.
- 20 But, that being said, I am looking at we
- 21 probably have to shut it, especially this year. Maybe
- 22 not next year, but this year for sure. Okay.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you.
- 24 COMMISSIONER KAPU: You know, we always, us,
- 25 this, I guess, letters and everything was sent to the

- 1 County 2006 last year. Some other complaints basically
- 2 came before that.
- In a timely fashion, when we looking at
- 4 certain things that are placed on our agenda or our
- 5 duties, how come we only dealing with these kind things
- 6 now? Why we only dealing with these things right now at
- 7 this moment?
- 8 It's like, don't worry about it. We can
- 9 deal with it. That's what I get. I am having a hard
- 10 time with this, because we can't come to any decision.
- 11 I am going to stay firm if we here to 9:00 o'clock
- 12 tonight.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Commissioners,
- 14 we need to decide. Are we going to make a motion or are
- 15 we going to go have lunch? Go on a lunch break?
- 16 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: It's your choice.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: I want it to be a team
- 18 effort, but if its me, I choose let's go on lunch break.
- 19 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: We haven't been a
- 20 team yet.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank's why I giving
- 22 you guys a chance.
- 23 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Take a break.
- 24 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: Okay. Take a break.
- 25 MR. SOLAMILLO: How long is lunch? Thirty

- 1 minutes?
- 2 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thirty minutes.
- 3 (Recess, 3:27 p.m. Resumed, 4:04 p.m.)
- 4 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. We were on a
- 5 lunch break. We can just reconvene this meeting,
- 6 5:04 -- 4:05, and we are still with the agenda item (b).
- 7 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: Where is B? No B
- 8 here.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Item 1(b).
- 10 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Before we continue on, I
- 11 just like make clear that basically, where we at right
- 12 now at this moment, that everything that the applicant
- 13 was responsible for is now pending, like the SMA. Was
- 14 ever an environmental assessment done also, which
- 15 triggered the cultural impact statement?
- MS. CALLENTINE: This action is exempt,
- 17 because it consists of -- it's less than 14 days in
- 18 endurance -- in duration I mean. So, there will be an
- 19 assessment done, but it's a one-page form, and it
- 20 basically states that this event -- that events -- this
- 21 can have an exemption from an environmental assessment.
- 22 COMMISSIONER KAPU: What is the exemption
- 23 based on? I mean the environmental assessment? There
- 24 is factors going to happen to our town, and I'm trying
- 25 to find where we are at this moment, as the Cultural

- 1 Resources Commission, to allow this amount of people in
- 2 such a small town with a great impact.
- The road's one thing. I talked about the
- 4 ocean. I talked about -- well, now, I'm trying to find
- 5 out whether or not all agencies has been informed, all
- 6 applications have been fulfilled on their part. Now you
- 7 are telling me that it's exempt because of a 14 day,
- 8 what, window?
- 9 MS. CALLENTINE: Actually, last year the
- 10 exemption -- the previous years, I couldn't find that
- 11 there had been a specific class stated. And last year,
- 12 the staff presented the approval as an exemption from
- 13 preparation of an environmental assessment under Class
- 14 6, which is construction or placement of minor
- 15 structures accessory to existing facilities.
- 16 COMMISSIONER KAPU: And wouldn't that also
- 17 to include to do a cultural impact as well to the EA? I
- 18 think that would be a question for Corporate Counsel,
- 19 but we don't have Corporate Counsel here now.
- 20 PLANNING DIRECTOR HUNT: The environmental
- 21 assessment, if it was required, could entail a cultural
- 22 survey or something along those lines. Because the
- 23 action meets the categories of exemption, then it is
- 24 exempt from doing an environmental assessment. So,
- 25 therefore, it doesn't need a cultural survey.

- 1 COMMISSIONER KAPU: But then we are dealing
- 2 with all these cultural issues right now. At this
- 3 moment, we get complaints coming in based upon this very
- 4 denial. So, environmental assessments, basically, you
- 5 say was done or wasn't done?
- 6 PLANNING DIRECTOR HUNT: The staff does an
- 7 analysis as to whether one is required, and the staff's
- 8 determination is that this application is exempt from
- 9 needing an environmental assessment or --
- 10 COMMISSIONER KAPU: And the justification
- 11 for allowing 35,000 people to come into this town is
- 12 justifiable?
- 13 PLANNING DIRECTOR HUNT: We aren't allowing
- 14 anyone to come to the town. They are coming to the
- 15 town.
- 16 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Yeah, I know they are
- 17 coming to the town, because we are providing the venue
- 18 for them. That's my point.
- 19 PLANNING DIRECTOR HUNT: And that's what
- 20 your analysis or the staff's analysis on an
- 21 environmental assessment is, is what the application
- 22 entails, the food booths, the tents, the stages, the
- 23 porta-potties, that kind of thing.
- 24 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Okay. So, the County
- 25 felt that it wasn't necessary for them to do one?

- 1 PLANNING DIRECTOR HUNT: The County felt it
- 2 was exempt. It met the exemption qualifications.
- 3 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Okay.
- 4 MS. McCARTY: Look at the application. Read
- 5 the application.
- 6 MR. SOLAMILLO: As a point for the Chair and
- 7 the rest of the Commissioners, the application for this
- 8 event, I believe, came in last year in September, did
- 9 it?
- 10 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Do we have a copy of the
- 11 application?
- 12 MS. CALLENTINE: Are you talking about for
- 13 2007 or 2006?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: '06.
- 15 MS. CALLENTINE: For 2006, yes.
- 16 COMMISSIONER KAPU: And what does it say on
- 17 the application?
- 18 MS. CALLENTINE: Okay. And which part of
- 19 the application, I'm sorry, do you want me to refer to?
- 20 COMMISSIONER KAPU: That it was mandatory
- 21 for them to do an SMA, required.
- MS. CALLENTINE: The approval for 2006, it's
- 23 in here. I am sorry.
- 24 MR. SOLAMILLO: My purpose in bringing up
- 25 the September application is that should the Commission

- 1 move to restate the motion that had been made earlier to
- 2 defer to another meeting day, that should not be
- 3 construed as impacting the event if, in fact, the
- 4 application last year came in in September.
- 5 MS. CALLENTINE: So, the application for
- 6 2006, it's showing that we have this routing sheet. And
- 7 this one is showing that it was received on
- 8 September 14th -- or rather it was assigned on
- 9 September 14th.
- 10 COMMISSIONER KAPU: So, is that telling me
- 11 that that's why the 14 days? Was it back then or --
- MS. CALLENTINE: No, the 14 days had to do
- 13 with the temporary nature of the event. The 14 days was
- 14 just that the event is less than 14 days in length.
- MR. SOLAMILLO: So, therefore, not
- 16 permanent.
- 17 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Okay. But does the
- 18 permit -- the application also say on top that they had
- 19 to do an EA, an environmental assessment, no?
- MR. SOLAMILLO: Because it was an exempt
- 21 class.
- MS. CALLENTINE: In their special management
- 23 area assessment application, they would address that.
- 24 And for this year, there are two -- there are two things
- 25 that are checked with the compliance with Chapter 343 of

- 1 the Hawaii Revise Statutes.
- 2 The first one -- the first question that's
- 3 asked is does the proposed action involve one or more of
- 4 the following? Check all that apply. In this case, the
- 5 only item that's checked is use of historic site or
- 6 district.
- 7 Then if you get a yes answer to that
- 8 question, you say does the proposed action qualify for
- 9 one or more of the following exemption classes. And
- 10 many times, and this is no exception, when people submit
- 11 these applications, they don't know exactly what to do
- 12 with it. They don't know -- they don't know which one
- 13 of these exemptions, if any, they would qualify for.
- 14 And I am talking about any kind of
- 15 applicant. Someone who wants to build a new
- 16 single-family home or anything, they still have to fill
- 17 this out, and they don't always understand it. In this
- 18 case, the applicant wrote these do not appear to apply
- 19 to the proposed action.
- Now, just because the applicant states that,
- 21 that doesn't mean the Planning Department doesn't then
- 22 go ahead and do the assessment. We still do an
- 23 assessment, and we determine, is this particular
- 24 proposal exempt from doing an environmental -- a full
- 25 environmental assessment or not.

- 1 And I although my history is very, very
- 2 short here, I don't -- I have done quite a number of
- 3 the -- reviewed quite a number of the annual events in
- 4 Lahaina, and I haven't seen one yet that wasn't exempt.
- 5 I can say that.
- 6 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Okay. So, with that,
- 7 basically, we are getting shortchanged here or what as a
- 8 Commission? I mean, I like to know whether or not we
- 9 doing our fiduciary duties complying to law.
- 10 MR. SOLAMILLO: If I can address that.
- 11 Events such as this are temporary. They are classed as
- 12 parades. No one, up to this point -- or probably up to
- 13 last year when complaints started being received, no one
- 14 was taking this as having a long-term effect.
- 15 The long-term effect issues have been
- 16 brought up today at hearing. And no one has moved to
- 17 look at it. How do we actually evaluate the long-term
- 18 effect of something that has been here for 20 some
- 19 years, that is now accepted, but because of the nature
- 20 of travel these days now has a worldwide audience and a
- 21 group of participants that fly in from all over the
- 22 world to this event.
- And maybe it forces us, at this point, to
- 24 reevaluate whether we should not view it and assess it
- 25 differently as having some kind of impact, but that

- 1 decision hasn't been made yet.
- 2 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Okay.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Kalei.
- 4 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Well, seeing what
- 5 Stan has said earlier about 2006, September, if we are
- 6 not going to make any other decisions, defer, a
- 7 suggestion. If not, then we should move on it.
- 8 But last year -- because I am trying to
- 9 consider the marketing, whole process. People are
- 10 aware. They want to start. You know, this thing has
- 11 been marketed -- I mean, not the horse's mouth, but word
- 12 of mouth is far greater even than everything else.
- 13 But I guess what Stan is saying is that if
- 14 we do decide to defer, last year they deferred to
- 15 September. I mean, it was handled in December, so -- I
- 16 mean, September. I am sorry.
- 17 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Or in a timely fashion.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: That's August.
- 19 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Mr. Chair, I want make
- 20 sure we clear, yeah. I don't like just all of a sudden
- 21 make these motions, and all of a sudden it doesn't stand
- 22 for anything. But then at the same time, the Planning
- 23 Department already made their recommendations to this,
- 24 which is adjust.
- I mean, who we backing here? You know what

- 1 I mean? You know what I trying to get to? I speaking
- 2 for myself basically. Too much already. I think this
- 3 item should be deferred to find out more information,
- 4 whether or not an EA should be done, and the cultural
- 5 impact assessment also should be done, so the kupuna not
- 6 inside here grumbling how come these guys is culturally
- 7 rude and all these kinds of things.
- 8 I mean, if it creates a cultural impact,
- 9 then that should be addressed. If you are saying the
- 10 EA, which last year was exempt, but still triggers --
- 11 supposed to trigger one for this year, because it's a
- 12 longevity of the impact over a Historic District, then
- 13 what kind of legitimacies we get over here?
- We ain't got nothing. I mean, you
- 15 telling -- you asking for something from us, yeah, and
- 16 there's -- I can trust there's more history to this than
- 17 just asking for us to deny or approve.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Any other comments,
- 19 Commissioners? We need a motion.
- 20 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: I make a motion to
- 21 approve the request by LahainaTown Action Committee for
- 22 both permits for the Annual Halloween in Lahaina along
- 23 Front Street from Baker to Shaw with staff
- 24 recommendations.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Do I hear a

- 1 second? Going once.
- 2 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: We failed to get a
- 3 second.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Do I hear a second?
- 5 Okay. We failed to get a second. The motion is now
- 6 failed.
- 7 Do we introduce a new motion, anybody?
- 8 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: New motion.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: New motion. Okay.
- 10 COMMISSIONER WHELCHEL: Somebody needs to
- 11 make a motion.
- 12 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Mr. Chair, I will
- 13 entertain a motion as previously said, that we defer
- 14 this until the August 2nd meeting.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. The motion is
- 16 deferring up till the August 2nd meeting. Is there a
- 17 second?
- 18 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: I will second.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. We have a
- 20 second. Short discussion on the motion? It's a defer
- 21 motion, and it's been second. You guys want to add
- 22 anything or delete anything from the motion? Yes.
- 23 MS. CALLENTINE: If I could request that if
- 24 you are going to vote to defer, that you get clear on
- 25 what it is you want to have happen between now and then.

- 1 What would you like to see?
- 2 And it seems like what's been talked about
- 3 here today is that there needs to be a coming together
- 4 of or -- a coming together, that the kupuna need to be
- 5 included in the programming if there is going to an
- 6 event.
- 7 So, how could this Commission facilitate
- 8 bringing them together to come up with an agreement for
- 9 how this event might take place in a way that is
- 10 respectful of the host culture. And if that's not your
- 11 wishes, then what do you want by August 2nd?
- 12 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Well, I think this
- 13 body needs to -- not specifically this body, but the
- 14 Lahaina Action Town Committee should be able to pull
- 15 these organizations together to have a consensus of what
- 16 needs to be done.
- 17 So, I would recommend as a motion to defer
- 18 with the option of the Lahaina Action Town Committee
- 19 meeting with various organizations prior to the
- 20 August 2nd meeting.
- 21 MS. CALLENTINE: Could you specify the
- 22 organizations?
- 23 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Such as Na Kupuna O
- 24 Maui, the Rotary Club, as well as the Soro --
- 25 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: Soroptimist.

- 1 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: I am sorry. As well
- 2 as the Police Department.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: All those involved
- 4 with the application.
- 5 COMMISSIONER ARTATES: Okay. You made it
- 6 clear, all those that are involved with the application.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: And I believe that
- 8 Ke'eaumoku's concern was that if we could have any kind
- 9 of information on the SMA process, and I guess the past
- 10 impacts and stuff of the town or the Historical
- 11 District.
- 12 MS. CALLENTINE: Mr. Chair, we don't know if
- 13 there's going to be documentation for the past impacts
- 14 within the Planning Department records. We will see.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Ke'eaumoku.
- 16 COMMISSIONER KAPU: As a recommendation on
- 17 the County's behalf, isn't one supposed to be required?
- 18 A whole line item of things basically are required when
- 19 you have a special event of such magnitude. Those kind
- 20 of things.
- 21 Whatever is required, the permitted
- 22 agencies. I know you have a few over here, yeah, and
- 23 all those other, in despite of the SMA all those other
- 24 things like impact. Anything that has to do with
- 25 impact. The County has that information or those types

- 1 of information. I would like to see that information
- 2 next October.
- 3 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: August.
- 4 COMMISSIONER KAPU: August 2nd.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Any other
- 6 recommendations or conditions? Okay. The motion has
- 7 been moved and second. All in favor, raise your right
- 8 hand.
- 9 (Commissioners Kapu, Artates, Marquez,
- 10 Watanabe and Moikeha raised their hands.)
- 11 Five is the quorum. We have enough to pass
- 12 this motion, so the motion is passed on deferral.
- 13 MS. CALLENTINE: Can I ask, is there someone
- 14 here from Lahaina Action Committee who can speak to
- 15 whether they will agree to coordinate a meeting with all
- 16 the interested parties prior to that, any authority?
- 17 MS. McKELVY: I think I am the only one here
- 18 from LahainaTown Action Committee. Joan McKelvey. I
- 19 think I am the only person here from LahainaTown Action
- 20 Committee. However, the question you asked was if they
- 21 would agree?
- MS. CALLENTINE: It's my understanding that
- 23 the Commission would like the Lahaina Action Committee
- 24 to pull together a meeting of all the groups that were
- 25 listed on the transmittal sheet and in the report, in

- 1 the staff report, to -- help me with my wording.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Mediate the concerns.
- 3 MS. McKELVY: And approval would be
- 4 predicated on that, that LAC has to pull together whom?
- 5 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: The agencies that
- 6 testified today, like Na Kupuna O Maui, Hui O Wa'a
- 7 Kaulua, Lahaina -- Kuleana Ku'ikahi. Yeah, page seven,
- 8 the community groups, Lahaina Art Society, Lahaina
- 9 Restoration Foundation.
- 10 MS. McKELVY: Lahaina Arts Society?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Yeah, because they are
- 12 all organizations that are part of the sponsor or the
- 13 supporters of this organized activity. That's going to
- 14 be organizations that are part of the function. I guess
- 15 because, you know, like Waiola Church, because they are
- 16 lending their parking space. And I guess Maui
- 17 Historical Society because of the Banyon Tree and the
- 18 National Historical District.
- 19 Lahaina Restoration Foundation, I guess,
- 20 because of the Banyon Tree and the different parks and
- 21 areas that will be used, you know, because they are
- 22 listed all here.
- 23 MS. McKELVY: Yes, I hear you. I can't
- 24 speak that they will. That's a tall order. I can only
- 25 pass it on to them and ask for some way to get back to

- 1 you as to whether this can be done in this period of
- 2 time.
- 3 MS. CALLENTINE: They can contact the
- 4 Planning Department. I will give you my card before we
- 5 leave. But I think what I'm looking at from the point
- 6 of view of implementation, how can staff evaluate.
- 7 So, I think we need to understand what it
- 8 is -- what product or what agreement, what is it that
- 9 you want them to come together and provide you?
- 10 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Yeah, I think it boils
- 11 down to ho'o ponopono basically, yeah. It boils down
- 12 pertaining to, I guess, what I got the read out today
- 13 was some -- some people are totally offended pertaining
- 14 to certain things that have been done in the past.
- 15 And that's only like the surface kind stuff
- 16 we are talking about. I like know more of the
- 17 underground kind stuff what's going on. I like these
- 18 merchants come out. Hey, I mean, the buck stops here.
- 19 How much money you guys making?
- 20 But that's not -- that's not my job. Ho'o
- 21 ponopono for one, yeah, to make right. Try to see if we
- 22 can clear up this mess. Maybe can have one Mardi Gras
- 23 or one Halloween Festival.
- 24 MS. CALLENTINE: So, you would like maybe a
- 25 ho'o ponopono session and maybe a reporting of what

- 1 happened at that session?
- 2 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Well, ho'o ponopono not
- 3 just with na kupuna. You got to go to the community to
- 4 see what the community -- basically looking at what type
- 5 of concerns that are out there.
- 6 I mean, because every time the merchants in
- 7 this town -- basically, it's not our town anymore. It's
- 8 not our town anymore. Everybody else running the town.
- 9 The cultural component versus the corporations, those
- 10 kind of things need to be affixed as pertaining to
- 11 how -- if you want these kind of things to go on, how
- 12 you accommodate all these elements, especially the
- 13 cultural side.
- 14 I hearing that na kupuna is never asked to
- 15 sit at the table. All those other associations or
- 16 anybody who was offended is never asked to sit at the
- 17 table. So, if you are Lahaina Action Committee, then I
- 18 would figure you would be open to all these different
- 19 components. That's, I guess, the readout again. Yeah?
- 20 Yeah.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Actually,
- 22 actually, what we are looking for here is like
- 23 Ke'eaumoku was saying, is you can ponopono on this
- 24 thing, and when you guys come before us on August 2nd, I
- 25 guess, we will have more information, too. And

- 1 hopefully that the organizations and the people of
- 2 Lahaina can, you know, look into this thing with, I
- 3 guess, more understanding and stuff.
- 4 You know, I feel kind of odd to come into
- 5 Lahaina and tell you guys what you guys need to do, how
- 6 you guys need to do things. I strongly believe that you
- 7 guys are intelligent enough to work you guys -- you
- 8 know, who is up and come out with decisions that are
- 9 going to compromise, or that's going to be fair for
- 10 everybody here.
- And this is important, because this is the
- 12 first time I think we ever had a meeting that really
- 13 discussed these things to length and some of the issues
- 14 that was brought out. You know, it's the Halloween
- 15 parade that's been going on like almost 24 years. So,
- 16 it is real important that, you know, we all look at this
- 17 picture, you know, as a bigger picture that's going
- 18 to -- you know, I don't like say benefit the people of
- 19 this community, but it should be beneficial for
- 20 everybody in this community, in the entire County of
- 21 Maui that you guys are doing things that can work out.
- So, that is why I believe this Commission is
- 23 deferring this meeting and trying to get more
- 24 information, so that not this Commission needs to be
- 25 making that decision for this community, but this

- 1 community needs to make that decision for this
- 2 community.
- 3 And that is why we would like to have all,
- 4 you know, the different organizations, if you guys can
- 5 get them together and sit down and really look at the
- 6 issues, because it's going to be long term.
- 7 So, right now, the motion is on the table
- 8 for deferral, and we are asking the Lahaina community
- 9 and Lahaina Town Action to try hold that meeting and
- 10 work out some of the hard feelings between each other.
- And then as the Commissioners, we are asking
- 12 the County Planning Department to see if we can get some
- 13 of the information that Ke'eaumoku is asking for, and
- 14 that's for this Commission to -- you know, like Lee was
- 15 saying, too, we cannot sit down with each other and
- 16 discussion community issues.
- 17 You know, we only can discuss them when we
- 18 come here before the public because of the Sunshine Law.
- 19 That is why we cannot conduct meetings on the golf
- 20 course or surfing. You know, it has to be here in front
- 21 of the public.
- And it's really hard for us to come here and
- 23 tell you guys, you know, what you guys need to have or
- 24 what you guys need to do, because it's -- you know, we
- 25 all live here on this island, but you guys live here.

- 1 So, I would hope that in August 2nd, that we can come to
- 2 a good conclusion.
- 3 MS. McKELVY: Would you come over to this
- 4 side?
- 5 COMMISSIONER KAPU: In a better facility or
- 6 a bigger one.
- 7 MS. McKELVY: Well, we will organize it if
- 8 you do.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: A facility?
- 10 MS. McKELVY: A facility, yes.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: But I believe we are
- 12 scheduled for Molokai, yeah? I am just joking.
- 13 MS. McKELVEY: If you will come over to this
- 14 side, we will organize the facility for you that is a
- 15 better venue than this. I'd like to say we would take
- 16 you to lunch, but I don't think I'd get approval for
- 17 that.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay.
- 19 MR. SOLAMILLO: You voted, correct? Next
- 20 case. You have got one more case on the agenda.
- 21 MS. McKELVEY: It will be very difficult for
- 22 members of this community to go to the other side. You
- 23 saw how many had to leave today. I'm the only one left,
- 24 and I shouldn't be here either.
- 25 But to go to the other side is really very

- 1 difficult for business people to have their business and
- 2 their other commitments. If you could do it on this
- 3 side, it would be -- believe me, you will get a full
- 4 attendance.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: We have to vote on
- 6 this motion.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: We did already.
- 8 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: Should we make a
- 9 motion?
- 10 MS. McKELVEY: It is an issue that is
- 11 important to the entire community here.
- MR. SOLAMILLO: Would you like to return to
- 13 Lahaina on the August 2nd meeting?
- 14 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: Do I have to make a
- 15 motion?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Yeah, we are
- 17 discussing that now, whether we need to make a motion.
- 18 PLANNING DIRECTOR HUNT: I don't think you
- 19 need to form a motion.
- 20 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: Is the Commission
- 21 allowed to meet in facilities other than non-government?
- 22 I mean, can we meet anywhere or does it have to be like
- 23 a County facility or State facility?
- 24 PLANNING DIRECTOR HUNT: Ideally we like to
- 25 meet in nonprofit locations so there is no appearance of

- 1 impropriety or favoritism.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: We had a meeting down
- 3 here at the Waiola --
- 4 MS. McKELVEY: Meeting Hall.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: -- Meeting Hall, yeah.
- 6 MS. McKELVEY: Which is large enough and
- 7 central enough. We could do that or we could go to the
- 8 Civic Center, your choice.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: The problem we are
- 10 having is a lot of the staff people that holds this
- 11 meetings, they got other meetings at different islands
- 12 and different places in Maui County. So, we need to --
- 13 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: We don't need a
- 14 motion.
- MR. SOLAMILLO: Susie does the booking, so
- 16 she's probably most familiar with how fast she can get a
- 17 place or if she can get a place at all.
- 18 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Okay. I just want to
- 19 share my input and basically put on the record that it
- 20 should be important to make sure that the next CRC
- 21 meeting is held here in Lahaina, because, you know,
- 22 especially the participants that showed up today was
- 23 kind of huge, and we don't get excited that often when
- 24 we down in the County building.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Commissioners.

- 1 PLANNING DIRECTOR HUNT: So, Chair, if
- 2 that's the consensus of the Commission, we will work on
- 3 finding a location on August 2nd. Unless there's any
- 4 objections, we will pursue that.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Very good.
- 6 Thank you. Okay. Stan, next item.
- 7 MR. SOLAMILLO: Next item on the agenda,
- 8 Mr. Evan Asato, on behalf of Mr. Lorena Gomez-Taketa
- 9 requesting advisory review and comments on a proposed
- 10 single-family infill house located at 188 Prison Street,
- 11 in the National Historic District, TMK (2)4-6-007:032,
- 12 Lahaina Maui.
- The CRC will review the plans and provide
- 14 comments and recommendations on the proposed design.
- 15 Public testimony will be accepted.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Thank you, Stan.
- 17 MR. SOLAMILLO: Before we begin, I want to
- 18 offer an apologize to the applicant, Ms. Taketa-Gomez
- 19 and to her architect.
- And we have to be out of here by 5:00 is the
- 21 message that I just got, so -- I am going to roll
- 22 through this pretty quickly.
- Okay. The site is the yellow parcel marked
- 24 with the white arrow located within the NHL, National
- 25 Historic Landmark District, but outside the Historic

- 1 Districts Nos. 1 and 2.
- 2 It's located across from the prison on the
- 3 same street. Because it was located outside of the
- 4 Historic Districts Nos. 1 and 2, the Department deferred
- 5 review initially to the National Park Service. The
- 6 National Park Service reviewed the project and
- 7 transmitted its comments back to the Department, which
- 8 forwarded those comments to the applicant.
- 9 NPS indicated that the design, at the time,
- 10 was not compatible with the historic character of the
- 11 district and should be revised to be more sensitive to
- 12 the historic character of the district in terms of
- 13 scale, massing, and architectural character.
- 14 Because of this location, directly across
- 15 from the prison, which is operated by Lahaina
- 16 Restoration Foundation, it made it an important site
- 17 right at the corner. But additional research also
- 18 showed that this site, the parcel on which the infill
- 19 house is to be built, was located on a parcel that was
- 20 the original house lot of Hawaiian historian David Malo.
- 21 who lived between the years 1793 and 1853.
- 22 Based upon those facts, in order to
- 23 facilitate what had become an impasse, in order to
- 24 facilitate a resolution on outstanding issues, Dorothy
- 25 Pyle, on behalf of Cultural Resource Commission, asked

- 1 that this case be brought before the Commission.
- We have deferred this several times. And
- 3 finally, in an attempt to resolve outstanding issues,
- 4 the applicant met with the Director, Jeff Hunt, myself,
- 5 on behalf of the Planning Department, to try and achieve
- 6 some resolution of the impasse.
- 7 David Malo's home site is rather famous, and
- 8 it even appears on the New York Times Walking Tour of
- 9 Lahaina in conjunction with the Prison. Excuse me.
- 10 So, this is kind of one of those things,
- 11 such as the last case we were dealing with, where we
- 12 have this other thing going on in the internet where
- 13 information about Lahaina is being transmitted all over
- 14 the world to persons unknown. And because of that, the
- 15 sensitivity of this particular site and the design of
- 16 the house going on the site became such an issue.
- 17 This was the original design that was
- 18 brought forward by the architect, and it was a two-story
- 19 dwelling with -- in this case, it was a garage and
- 20 Ianais on the second floor. And if you look at the
- 21 footprints on the parcel at the lower right-hand side of
- 22 the drawing, it was very close to the lot lines. In
- 23 fact, I believe they maximized out their buildable area.
- 24 Because the Park Service had made the
- 25 comments, and I will repeat them for you, that this

- 1 house, in this design form, was not compatible with the
- 2 historic character of the district or out of scale in
- 3 terms of height and floor area with the adjacent fabric
- 4 of the district and recommended that the design should
- 5 be revised to be more sensitive with the historic
- 6 character of the district in terms of, A, scale, B,
- 7 massing, and, C, architectural character.
- 8 The architect agreed and resubmitted this
- 9 design, which is much more reduced as far as buildable
- 10 area, as far as footprint, certain things such as
- 11 rounded palladium windows, which were more Colonial in
- 12 their appearance have been deleted. And it's got
- 13 something which appears to blend more with the houses
- 14 that have been built within the district on this side of
- 15 the prison.
- 16 Similarly, on his original design for the
- 17 rear and a side elevation, we asked the architect to
- 18 revise it, and the architect did so resubmitting this
- 19 design. Both of these elevations will not be visible
- 20 from the public right-of-way. The most important ones
- 21 are the ones that are, and those are the ones that we
- 22 are concerned with the most.
- This was the original plan. Following his
- 24 meeting with the Planning Department, he deleted this
- 25 amount of square footage, which is the building of a

- 1 garage, on the second floor, I believe, at this section
- 2 of the building.
- 3 Apparently, our revised elevations that are
- 4 visible from the public right-of-way are the one above,
- 5 which is the front -- actually, they are both fronts. I
- 6 guess they both have street frontage.
- 7 At this point, we will listen to the
- 8 applicant, and he will address the Commission if there
- 9 are any further questions.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Thank you,
- 11 Stan. Applicant.
- 12 MR. ASATO: Good afternoon, Commission
- 13 members and Planning Department officials. My name is
- 14 Evan Asato, and I did this work for Ms. Lorena
- 15 Gomez-Taketa, who is sitting right next to me on my
- 16 left.
- 17 Initially, we proceeded with the project
- 18 design without any knowledge that the parcel was once
- 19 the property of David Malo. We did know that it was a
- 20 parcel that was not located in the Lahaina Districts 1
- 21 or 2, that it was an SMA district and located in the
- 22 Lahaina National Historic Landmark.
- 23 I perused the Maui County Codes and did not
- 24 find any information instructing with procedures with
- 25 designing or the planning of any dwelling on any parcel

- 1 that was located in the National -- Lahaina National
- 2 Historic Landmark.
- 3 So, I -- with the information that I knew of
- 4 in the Maui County Codes that pertained to zoning,
- 5 particularly zoning issues, we proceeded with the
- 6 project and came up with the first original drawings
- 7 that were depicted by the exterior elevation drawings
- 8 that were shown just before, the one that you are
- 9 looking at on the screen.
- 10 As Stan had mentioned, we did -- it became
- 11 an issue as to -- with the -- with Lorena here as to who
- 12 had the jurisdiction and where was it stated that the
- 13 National Park Service would get -- would be involved in
- 14 the design process. Because there was -- there is no
- 15 mention of it in the Maui County Codes.
- But anyway, at any rate, about a month ago,
- 17 during our meeting, as Stan had stated, with Mr. Hunt,
- 18 Ms. Gomez-Taketa and myself, Stan gave us -- had
- 19 informed us that it was -- the property, the subject
- 20 property was actually property that was owned by David
- 21 Malo. So, the game -- the ballgame changed there. So,
- 22 we are here before the CRC to obtain your comments and
- 23 reviews in order that Ms. Gomez-Taketa may proceed with
- 24 her project.
- 25 Initially, the items, in my opinion, that

- 1 would have been of concern to me, and, obviously, to
- 2 anyone evaluating the design compliance to the
- 3 architecture style found in the Lahaina Historic
- 4 District, would be the porch columns were originally
- 5 specified as being Italian Tuscan columns. So, that is
- 6 a very Colonial architectural embellishment.
- 7 The second -- I will refer to it as the
- 8 second issue of preliminary design plans, where we're
- 9 replacing the Tuscan columns with six-by-six decorated
- 10 posts, lintel end posts that will be decorated similar
- 11 to those posts that are located at the Pioneer Inn.
- The posts at the Pioneer Inn are very
- 13 ornate, but we are going to try our best to come as
- 14 close as possible to replicating those veranda posts
- 15 that are located in part of the Pioneer Hotel. Is it an
- 16 Inn or a hotel? Pioneer Hotel.
- 17 MR. SOLAMILLO: Inn, Inn, Inn.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Inn.
- 19 MR. ASATO: Okay. Pioneer Inn. Half round
- 20 oval transoms over some of the windows were of concern
- 21 to Stan, and most likely such was the same with
- 22 Ms. Tuteman, who was the National Park Service
- 23 representative that had responded to Stanley's
- 24 correspondence.
- Those have been deleted out. We have

- 1 downsized the house. Ms. Gomez-Taketa has gave up her
- 2 garage. She's going to have to, on rainy days, carry a
- 3 big umbrella, I suppose. But she's willing to comply
- 4 with that requirement, if any.
- 5 Originally, there were hexagon gable vents
- 6 that have been replaced by rectangular gable vents. The
- 7 siding is being specified originally and with the
- 8 present drawings being horizontal lap siding. The
- 9 roofing material will be asphalt shingles.
- Those are basically the items that were in
- 11 light of being way out of line with the architectural
- 12 style and character that is being required for projects
- 13 located in historic -- the Historic Districts 1 and 2.
- 14 The setbacks are being met, residential R-2
- 15 setbacks. This property is zoned R-2. As far as I
- 16 know, the first dwelling on a residential property
- 17 located in SMA is exempt as being labeled as a
- 18 development.
- The height, we are close on the height.
- 20 It's 28 -- it scaled out to be 28 feet on 24 -- a scale
- 21 of four inch to a foot. I cannot see the property being
- 22 backfilled two feet. That's going to put the house at
- 23 least about half a foot higher than need be, which would
- 24 create drainage problems.
- 25 At the very most, I can see a foot and a

- 1 half. So, that will be -- that would put the proposed
- 2 project building height under 30 feet. In any rate, we
- 3 are going to keep it below 30 feet, which is the
- 4 distance measured from the existing grade and not the
- 5 fill grade. The existing grade is about a foot and a
- 6 half below the proposed finished floor elevation at the
- 7 first floor.
- 8 This project plans has gone through the
- 9 County permitting system. It has obtained engineering
- 10 approval, building examiner's approval, water develop
- 11 approval, the lower level Planning Department approval.
- So, we are, at this point going to -- we
- 13 will comply with -- try to come close to compliance with
- 14 the comments made by the National Park Service people.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Kalei, you have
- 16 got a question.
- 17 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Actually, I have a
- 18 question for -- is it Ms. Taketa-Gomez? Are you happy
- 19 with the redesign?
- 20 MS. GOMEZ-TAKETA: Yeah, I never intend to
- 21 make something against what the code said --
- 22 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Okay.
- 23 MS. GOMEZ-TAKETA: -- or what the Cultural
- 24 Resources said. But the thing that when we went to
- 25 research for information about how to build the house.

- 1 they give us the wrong information.
- 2 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Right, right.
- 3 MS. GOMEZ-TAKETA: Then what we did was
- 4 against what they want. We wanted to comply with the
- 5 code --
- 6 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Okay.
- 7 MS. GOMEZ-TAKETA: -- but they give us
- 8 totally bad information. And we wait like two years
- 9 already for this come out.
- 10 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Okay.
- 11 MS. GOMEZ-TAKETA: And like I told them
- 12 before, I don't want it to go against. I just want it
- 13 to comply. But, come on. We living in a very bad
- 14 situation, and I don't see anything going fast.
- 15 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: Okay. Good.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Anyone else? Any
- 17 questions? Okay. Staff comments. No comments from
- 18 staff.
- 19 MR. SOLAMILLO: I am sorry. The Planning
- 20 Department recommendation is to approve the design as
- 21 submitted and presented to you today.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Commissioners,
- 23 we need a motion.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: I'd like to make a
- 25 motion that we accept the recommendation of the Planning

- 1 Department to approve the revised design.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Do I hear a second?
- 3 COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ: Second.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. It's been moved
- 5 and second. Discussion.
- 6 I think that was really good on the
- 7 applicant to, you know, do what they believed was right
- 8 I like the design, too. It's nice.
- 9 MR. ASATO: It looks good, yes.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. All in favor
- 11 say aye.
- 12 (Chorus of ayes.)
- All opposed.
- 14 (Silence.)
- 15 The motion is carried. Okay. Good luck.
- 16 MR. ASATO: Great. Thank you. Thank you
- 17 very much. Big mahalo.
- 18 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: Thanks for waiting.
- 19 MR. ASATO: We needed it. Our lives have
- 20 been hurry, hurry, hurry. Today, slow down. It was
- 21 good all the way around. Thank you.
- 22 MS. GOMEZ-TAKETA: Thank you.
- 23 MR. SOLAMILLO: Okay. Before everyone goes,
- 24 I am going to read through the roster of remaining
- 25 items. Under demolition permits, there were none.

- 1 Under communications, there were none. Under unfinished
- 2 business and new business, there were none. Under
- 3 signed enforcement program Lahaina Historic District,
- 4 there were none.
- 5 Banyon Tree Park, which was requested by
- 6 this Commission to be a standard agenda item is now on
- 7 the agenda from hence forward. Under director's report,
- 8 our August 2 CRC meeting agenda has two items on it that
- 9 have been deferred from this meeting.
- 10 Are there any other agenda items which you
- 11 would like?
- 12 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Yeah, I got one
- 13 question. And I don't know. I think da kine. We
- 14 was -- there was a meeting over here. Whatever happened
- 15 to the agenda item pertaining to the courthouse, Lahaina
- 16 Courthouse?
- 17 MR. SOLAMILLO: I will have to research it,
- 18 and if I can, I will bring it back to you.
- 19 COMMISSIONER KAPU: Okay. Thank you.
- 20 MR. SOLAMILLO: All right. Any others?
- 21 Okay. Under administrative permit reports, there are
- 22 none coming to you today. Under demolition permit,
- 23 Historic District approvals, none are coming forward.
- 24 Obviously, we will defer Maui County policy plan under
- 25 I(4) to the next meeting. You now have an opportunity

- 1 to make Commissioners' announcements.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: I just want to thank
- 3 staff for being here and Jeff especially. This was one
- 4 very important meeting, and hopefully we will give the
- 5 people of Lahaina another opportunity, in August 2nd,
- 6 that they can work the things out, whether it's for
- 7 approval or denial, whatever.
- 8 But anyway, I just want to thank Jeff and
- 9 your staff for being here.
- 10 Any Commissioners have anything to say? I
- 11 got a packet here, and I think earlier in one of our
- 12 meetings the National Preservation Conference is going
- 13 to be held this year at St. Paul, Minnesota. It's in
- 14 October. So, just letting members of this Commission
- 15 know. That's about it, Stan. You got anything else?
- 16 MR. SOLAMILLO: That's it.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Let's have a
- 18 motion, and we can adjourn this meeting.
- 19 COMMISSIONER WATANABE: I move that we
- 20 adjourn this meeting.
- 21 COMMISSIONER MOIKEHA: I second.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON KALALAU: Okay. Moved and
- 23 second. This meeting is now adjourned.
- 24 (Adjourned 5:02 p.m.)

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